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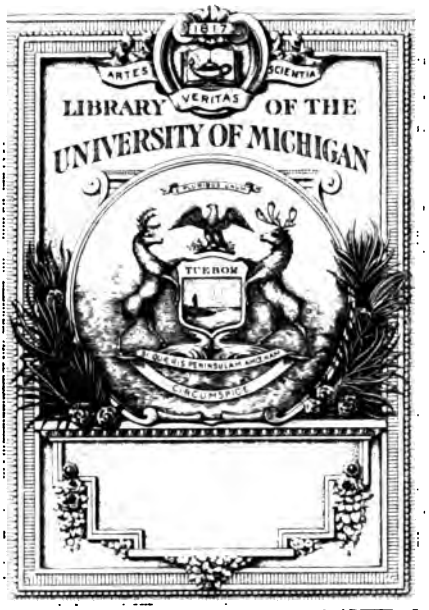
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1774 for the Choice of a Representative and other matters Contained in the Warrant for Calling Said Meeting

1 Mr Joshua Bigelow was Chosen Representative

2 Mr Joshua Bigelow was Chosen moderator

att Clark Chandler Town Clerk

3 on the third Article voted that Messrs Joshua Bigelow David Bancroft Jonathan Stone and Stephen Salisbury be added To the Standing Comittee of Correspondence for the Town

4 On the fourth Article Voted that the purchasing of Cannon be Considered at the adjournment of this Meeting also Voted that Jacob Hemenway Edward Crafts and David Bigelow be a Comittee To Provide Carriages for four Cannon

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned To the 17th Day of October Next at two oClock afternoon

Joshua Bigelow Moderator

Enterd from ye original Pr Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Said 17th Day of October and Dissolved

att Clark Chandler Town Clark

Worcester ss at a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Worcester on Monday the fourth Day of October A : D 1774 for To act on the Matters Contained in the warrants

Mr Josiah Peirce was Chosen moderator

attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

On the Second Article in the warrant Voted that Mr Joshua Bigelow Representative for the Town have Instructions for the Rule of his Conduct at the Great and Generall Court of this Province

On the Third Article Voted that Proper Instructions be Given to Mr Timothy Bigelow the Delegate Chosen by the Town To Represent us at the Provincial Congress To be Convened at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October Currant

Voted that Messrs David Bancroft Jonathan Stone Nathan Baldwin Samuel Curtis and Stephen Salisbury be a Committee to draw up the two fore mentioned Instructions and make Report to this meeting in two Hours which Report being Read and the Question being put whither the Town would accept the Same and it passed in ye affirmative and their Report was as follows

Worcester Octb^{r} 4 : 1774

To Mr Joshua Bigelow

Sir The Free Electors of the Town of Worcester being greatly arlarmed at the Unconstitutional authority assumed by the British Parliament in Severall of their Late acts Some of which already have and others which are Intended To Opperate in this Province To the Intire Subversion of all we hold Valuable in our Charter and which we have an Indubitable Right To Enjoy by the Laws of Nature and by the Principles of the Christian Religion as well as by the Compact Contained in Said Charter Therefore that the Cruel acts that have already been carried into Execution to the Great Detriment and Distress of this Province and Dangerous to the Inhabitants of the whole Continent of America may Cease to Operate any Longer To the entire Stoppage of Commerce with Great Brittain the Dishonor of his Majesty and the Parliament and that those other acts which have Not yet Operated may be prevented from ever being Carried into Execution and we thereby Reduced to pay obedience To the acts of any future Venal Corrupt administration which may deprive us of Life and Property with Impunity for the Prevention whereof and the Security of all and every of our Natural and Charter Rights we have Chosen you to Represent us in the Great and General Court of this Province Reposing Special Trust in Your Wisdom and fortitude give you the following Instructions as the Rule of your Conduct respecting the particulars hereafter mentioned and not to Receed from the most Rigid Virtue in Recovering and Defending all other our Rights and Libertys herein not Expressly mentioned that may come under Your Consideration

1 agreeable to the Recommendation of the Comittees of Correspondence for this County in Convention we Instruct you absolutely To Refuse to be Sworn by any Officer or Officers but Such as are or may be appointed according To the Constitution or to act as one Branch of the Legislature in Concert with any other Except Such as are or may be appointed and Supported according to the Charter of this Province and that you Refuse To give your attendance at Boston while the Town is Invested with Troops and Ships of War and Should there be anything To prevent your acting with Such a Governour and Councill as is Expresly Set forth in the Charter that then you Immediately Repair To the Town of Concord and there Joyn in a Provincial Congress with Such other Members as are or may be Chosen for that Purpose To act and Determine on Such Measures as you Shall Judge proper To Extricate this Colony out of its present unhappy Circumstances—— Thus far Sir has the Body of this County Resolved as proper Instructions for the Representatives that might be Chosen in their Severall Towns To Meet at Salem the former part of which we Should have adopted Verbatim with the addition of Severall other Articles as proper rules for you to have observed as a member of the Great and General Court provided you had Not been Excused and Discharged therefrom by the Governours proclamation the Latter we do adopt as proper to direct you To attend at Concord aforesaid with M^{r}. Tim^{o}. Bigelow who we have Chosen To Represent us in the Provincial Congress To be holden there and Strictly adhere To ye Instructions given him for ye Rule of your Conduct in Said Congress respecting the Particulars therein Contained

By order of the Comittee

David Bancroft Chairman

Enterd from

To Mr Timothy Bigelow Sir as you are delegated To Represent the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in a Provincial Congress To be Convened at Concord on the Second Tuesday of Octb^{r}. Instant the following is offered and Enjoyned upon you as the Instructions of us your Constituents which you are to observe

and follow as a member of Said Congress (Vizt) as the first Charter given to this Colony was Violated and as we think wrongfully wrested from us by Great Britain and that our Second and Late Charter is Nullifyed and Destroyed by Late acts of the British Parliaments (Vizt) by their assuming the authority of making Laws binding upon us in all Cases whatever and To enforce our Complyance have Sent Ships of War and Blocked the Port and Harbour of our metropolis and Troops in Hostile array To Dragoon the People and the Governour made Independent of the People for his Support and mantling our Capital in Such a manner as may Reduce the worthy Inhabitants To a military Government

Therefore that you Endeavour in the most Peaceable way & Obtain a Redress of the following Greivances first that the Port and Harbour of Boston be opened and the freedom of Trade Restored, and the Kings Troops be Removed out of this Province and the Command of the Fortification So Called at the South End of Boston be Resigned to the Inhabitants and ye Commander of the Kings Troops be prohibited from Erecting any fortress or making any Intrenchments within ye Town of Boston or Near any of the avenues Leading to it

2rd That the Province Store of Ammunition Lately Removed by the Kings Troops from the Arsenal in Charlestown be Returned To the Place from whence it was Taken or into the Care of Such Person or Persons as you Shall appoint To Receive and keep the Same for the use of this Province and that all the ammunition in the Maggazine in Boston be Delivered to the Proper owners if by them Requested

3rd that Every of those Incorrigeable Enemies to this Country who have lately been appointed by mandamus from his Majesty as Councellors and have accepted a Seat at the Councill Board of this Province and Shall Not Resign their Said office of Councellor before the Second Tuesday of this Instant be Impeached as Traitors to the Constitution of this Province and that they be Taken into Custody and Secured for Tryal

4th That you Endeavour that the Provincial Congress Depute an agent or agents from that Body To go to Cannada and there Treat

with the Inhabitants in ye Name and on ye Behalf of the People of this Province and Establish Such Rules of Conduct to be observed by them and us as may be for the Mutual Benefit of Both and give assurances to them on our Part of that friendship which Some of their Inhabitants have Nobly Displayed in a Late Generous Donation To the oppressed Suffering Poor of Boston for which we would in this Publick manner Return our Gratefull Thanks and which we would willingly Refund in ye Same Species if a Change of Circumstances Required it which God Grant may never be the Case with any of our Generous Benefactors

5th That if all Infractions on our Right by acts of the British Parliament be not redressed and we Restored to the full Enjoyment of all our Priviledges Contained in ye Charter of this Province Granted by their Late Majestys King William and Queen Mary To a Punctillio before the Day of your Meeting That then and in that Case you are to Consider the People of this Province as absolved on their Part from ye obligation therein Contained and to all Intents and purposes reduced to a State of Nature and you are to Exert yourself in Divising ways and means To Raise from the Dissolution of the Old Constitution as from the Ashes of the Phenix a New form wherein all officers Shall be Dependent on the Suffrages of the People for their Existence as Such whatever unfavourable Constructions our Enemies may put upon Such a Procedure the Exigency of our Publick affairs Leaves us no other alternative from a State of Anarchy or Slavery

6th You are to Give diligent attention To the advice and Result which you may Receive from the Continental Congress Now Sitting at Philadelphia as we Shall Esteem it the greatest Happiness To Have the approbation of our Sister Colonies in all matters Respecting our mode of Government and therefore if your advices from Said Congress Should Not perfectly Coincide with these our Instructions respecting the mode of Government for this Province you are to desist from acting any further on that matter untill you have our further Instructions anything herein Contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding

7th That whereas the Comission officers in ye Militia of this Province have generally resigned their Comissions and ye People have formed themselves into Military Companies and Chosen officers of their Respective Companies feild officers &c. Notwithstanding all which it is highly Necessary that there be a Captain Generall to preside over ye whole we therefore Instruct you that you Endeavour that there be Such a Captain Generall advised To by the Provincial Congress as soon as may be

8th The foregoing you are to adhere To and Religiously observe in all Respects according to the Nature of your Office and as the way and means for ye Recovery and Defence of our Rights Libertys and Priviledges

By order of the Committee
David Bancroft Chairman

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved
Atest Josiah Peirce moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting held in Worcester on the Seventeenth Day of October by an adjournment from an adjournment of the 24th of August Last

The Committee appointed on the 22d Day of August last to take under Consideration the late acts of the British Parliament & the Question being put whither the Town would accept the Same & on Dabate it appeared that the County Convention had acted on the Same matters therefore Voted not to have the Same Recorded on the Town Book of Records

Also Voted that the Recantation of Wm Campbell be Recorded on the Town Book he having given Satisfaction to the Town Voted that he be Restored to favour

The aforegoing Votes passed at Said [meeting]
Attest Nathan Perry moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester; Gen^{t}. Whereas I the Subscriber, with a Number of others, Signed a protest against the Proceedings of this Town, and the Same was published in the Boston Gazette in June Last, wherein the Inhabitants was unjustly reflected upon, in general, and the Committee of Correspondence for this Town in Particular, and also the whole body of Committees of Corrispondence throughout the whole Province, for which I am heartily Sorry and ask the forgiveness of all the inhabitants of the Town, and the Justly offended Publick. and also for any other offence, that I may have given by any means, whether in Words or actions, and I heartily Request your acceptance of this Sincere acknowledgement, and that if either of the inhabitants has any other particular Charge against me for any perticular of my Conduct, that they would make it known, that I may have the opportunity of giving Christian Satisfaction which I ever Shall Stand ready to Comply with Witness my Hand William Campbell

Worcester Octr. 5 : 1774

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 17th Day of October at three oClock afternoon

1 Mr Josiah Peirce, was Chosen moderator

Atest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

2 Voted that the following Sums be granted as follows (viz)

	£	s	d
Twenty pounds for Support of the poore of the Town	20	0	0
To the Select men to Enable them to pay the mony they Borrowed of the Honble Timothy Paine Esqr to Discharge the Execution of Ebenezer Bradish against the assessors Principle 6: 18/ 4 Interest one year Ending the 20th of April Next 8/5	7	6	9
To Josiah Peirce & Timo Bigelow a Comittee to Defend a Presentment of the Town	2	18	2
To Wm Yong for 120 feet Plank		9	7¼
To Ephraim millar for 140 feet Plank		11	2
To John Chamberlain for 164 feet Plank		13	
To William mahon for 50 feet Plank		4	
	£32	2	8¼

Jonathan Grout agreed to keep Benony Grout at three Pistereens a week one year from this time

3 on the third article for the Inhabitants to bring in a list of their Rateable Estates in order for a Just assessment

4 On the fourth article Voted that ye money Granted in march and may last also the money Granted at this meeting Except the minister tax & takeing care of the meeting House be put in one tax

5th Article Voted that the afore mentioned monies be paid into the Town Treasurer (Viz) one half by the first Day of January Next and the other Half by the first Day of march Next

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 25th Instant at two oClock afternoon

Atest Josiah Peirce, moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss At a Town meeting held in Worcester by adjournment from monday October 17 : 1774 to the 25th Instant at two oClock afternoon

Voted that the following Sums be Granted for the following Purposes (Viz)

Voted that the sum of thirty six pounds be Granted to the Select men to purchase Ammunition to Compleat the Town they to be accountable	£36		
Voted that the Committee appointed in September last to provide Carriges for four Cannon provide for but three (Viz) the three Small Cannon and Voted that the Sum of thirty Eight pounds be Granted to the Select men for mounting the three Said Cannon they to be accountable for Said Sum		38	0 0
To Jona Rice the Sum of two pound 12/10 for his time trouble and Expenses in geting the Cannon out of Boston		2	12 10
To Jona Stone the Sum of two pounds for his time Trouble and Expences for geting Cannon out of Boston		2	0 0

To Edward Knight for Carting two Cannon from Brookline	1	6	8
To Wm Dana for Carting one Do Do Do	1	13	4
To Samuel Whitney for Carting one Do Do Do	1	13	4
	£83	6	2

Voted that the Committee appointed to provide Carriges for the three Small Cannon provide timber directly for the two large Cannon

Voted the moneys Granted at this meeting be assest with the monies Granted before

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Second Tuesday of November Next at one oClock afternoon

Attest Josiah Peirce moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town Meeting held In Worcester on ye Twenty fifth Day of October A : D 1774

Mr Josiah Peirce was Chosen Moderator

Attest Clark Chandler Town Clark

The Question being put whether the Town would act on the article Contained in the warrant and it passed in ye affirmative

Voted that Messrs. John Kelso, Nathan Baldwin and Ebenezer Lovell be a Comittee of Inspection To Examine from time To Time the Merchants and Traders of this Town whether they do Not offer for Sale any Goods wares or Merchandise that were in any manner Imported or purchased Contrary To ye Spirit and Intent of ye Solemn League and Covenant which this Town has Entered Into

The aforegoing Vote passed at S^d^ meeting

attest Josiah Peirce Moderator

Entered from ye original ℔^r^ Clark Chandler Town Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town Meeting held in Worcester on ye 8th Day of November A : D 1774 from an adjournment from ye 25th of October Last

The Question being put whether the Town would Grant any money for to purchase ammunition and Shot for ye Cannon which was Lately ordered by the Town To be mounted and it passed In ye Negative

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

Atest Josiah Peirce, moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

Worcester ss at a Town meeting held in Worcester on the third Day of January A D 1775 agreeable to the Warrant

first m^r^ Josiah Peirce was Chosen moderator

Attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

2 Article the Question being put whether the Town would Chuse a Comittee of Inspection agreeable to the Recomendation of the Continental Congress to Carry their association into Execution and to Give Said Comittee Such Instructions as the Town Shall think proper & it passed in the affirmative

Voted that Jonathan Stone, Samuel millar, Nathan Perry, David Bancroft, Samuel Curtis Silas moore, Jonathan Rice, Thomas Knight Samuel mcraken, Robert Smith, John Green & David Bigelow be a Comittee for the abovesaid purpose also Voted William Yong Nathan Baldwin & Joshua Bigelow be a Comittee to Draw up Instructions for the above said Comittee and Lay the same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

3 Article Voted that it is Recommended to the Company of minute men that they Disapline themselves in the miletary art untill the month of march Next & then the Town to give them proper Incouragement after that time

4 Article Voted that William Yong, Nathan Baldwin & Joshua Bigelow be a Comittee to Draw up proper Instructions for the Collectors of Taxes for this Town Respecting the Publick moneys and Lay the Same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

5th Article mr Timothy Bigelow was Chosen to Represent the Town in a Provincial Congress according to a Recommendation of our Late Congress also Voted that Nathan Baldwin, David Bancroft & Jonathan Stone be a Comittee to draw up Instructions for him and Lay the same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

6th Article Refered to the adjournment of this meeting[1]

7 Article the Question being put whether the Town would dispose of the two Largest Cannon belonging to the Town to some one or other Neighbouring Town and it passed in the affirmative Voted that the Select men be a Comittee to dispose of the Said Two Cannon

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 24th Instant at two oClock afternoon Atest Josiah Peirce modr

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Worcester ss at a Town meeting held in Worcester by an adjournment from the third Day of January A D 1775 to the 24th Instant

The Comittee appointed to Draw up Instructions for the Comittee of Inspection to see that the Recomendation of the Continental Congress be put into Execution made Report as follows— voted that the Committee of Inspection for this Town (Viz) mesrs Jona Stone, Samuel millar, Nathan Perry, David Bancroft, Samuel Curtis, Silas moore, Jonathan Rice, Thomas Knight, Samuel mcraken, Robert Smith, John Green & David Bigelow or any Seven of them be a quorum to Cause the association of the Continental Congress to be Strictly executed agreeable to a recommendation of the Provencial Congress held at Cambridge Decr 5th 1774 reference thereto being had their Duty may fully appear in the particulars thereof

The Comittee appointed to draw up Instructions for the Collectors of taxes for this Town made Report as follows——

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[1] Report of the committee to settle accounts with the town treasurer.

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to Draw up proper Instructions for the Collectors of taxes for this Town respecting publick moneys and Lay the same before the Town beg leave to Report as follows (Viz)

That as all publick monies, ever ought to be appropriated for the Greatest publick benefit and our late Provincial Congress have recommended that the Inhabitants of every Town & district within this Province do oblige and compell their respective constables and Collectors to comply with and execute their Resolve passed in Congress held in Cambridge October 28: 1774 making Henry Gardner Esqr of Stow Reciver General &c. We do approve of the Said Resolve and do order and Strickly enjoin upon messr^{s}. Jon^{s}. Rice and David Thomas, Collectors of taxes for this Town, to Govern themselves according to Said resolve in paying all the Province monies now in their hands Respectively or which they may either of them Collect by Virtue of any Assessment in any or either of their possessions or that Either of them may hereafter recive from the assessors of this Town untill we otherwise order and we will indemnify them for their Compleance herewith

Wm Yong
Joshua Bigelow
Nathan Baldwin

The above Report being Laid before the Town and the Question being put whither the Town would accept the same and it passed in the affirmative

The Comittee appointed to Draw up Instructions to m^{r} Timothy Bigelow Chosen to Represent this Town in a Provincial Congress to be Holden at Cambridge made Report as follows

To m^{r} Timothy Bigelow S^{r}. at this Day of difficulty and tryal in America in General, and in this Province in perticular, by means of Several acts of the British Parliment, whereby we are deprived of the advantage of civil government, agreeable to the Rights, Liberties, Priviledges of Englishmen, the Governor of the Province invested with a power of making & unmaking many of our officers in such a maner as Renders our executive & Courts dangerous to the lives, liberties, and properties of all such as shall oppose the

establishment of a Dispotick Government in this Province. and his being made independent of the people of this Province for his Sallery we apprehend has such influence upon his Conduct that we have Just ground to fear he will pay more regard to the Instructions that he may recive from the British ministry than to the Welfare of this Province or the English Constitution of Government

He hath allready (we think wantonly) dissolved one General assembly of this Province, and issued writs for calling another, and in an unpreceden[t]ed maner dissolved said writ before the day on which said Court was to meet; and no other like to be called that we know off. By these means we being deprived of the advantage of such a General Court or assembly as the Charter of this Province intitles us to, are constrained instead thereof to hold a Provincial Congress agreeable to the Recommendation of our Late Congress held at Cambridge. Therefore we have made Choice of you to represent us in the Said Congress at this critical and important crissis of our publick affairs, when the fate of millions depend, upon our wise cool and prudent conduct; you we make no doubt will be duly Sensible of the great & important trust reposed in you by us your constituents. the uncertainty of events may cause many matters to come under your consideration which will require your utmost fortitude, which we cannot give you perticular instructions upon at this time, but the following we give you as the rule of your conduct Respecting the matters hereafter mentioned (Viz)

First That you endeavour that if the Provincial Congress should meet at Cambridge agreeable to the Recomendation of our late Congress that they immediately adjourn from Cambridge to some Town in the Country at a greater distance from Boston

Second That you are very Carefull in Disposing of the publick monies especially that you do not give your Consent to any Extravagant grants if any such should be proposed to be made to any person or persons for their Services

Third That you Endeavour that the members Chosen by our late Provincial Congress to Sitt in a Continentall Congress to be

Holden at Philadelphia in may next may be instructed as early in their Sessions as possable to obtain the advice of the members thereof what measures are the most proper for this Province to adopt respecting civil Government, which at this day we are deprived off.

And we determine to rest quietly in this Situation however perplexing agreable to the recomendation of our late Continentall Congress untill the opperations of their petition to his majesty be Known. Excepting the Commencment of hostilities against us should require the adopting a form of Civil Government for the defence of our lives and properties and under such exigency you are to conduct your Self accordingly and endeavour the best form possable be adopted for the Support of Good order and the liberties of the people which we think must and shall make every Servant of the publick Dependant upon the Suffrages of the people for their authority

Nathan Baldwin
Jonathan Stone

The three above mentioned Reports being Laid before the Town for their acceptance the Question being put whether the [Town] would accept the Same as Instructions for the purposes therein mentioned and it passed in the affirmative

Josiah Peirce moderator

Enterd from the original ℔ Clark Chandler T Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the sixth day of march A D. 1775 after legal warning for the Choice of Town officers &c and to transact other matters agreeable to the several artickles Contained in the Warrant

att said meeting m^r^ William Young was Chosen moderator

attest Clark Chandler Town Clerk

m^r^ Joshua Bigelow Capt Benj^a^ Flagg m^r^ William Young Lieu^t^. Josiah Peirce m^r^ Jonathan Stone Lieu^t^ Sam^ll^ Curtis Deac^n^ Sam^ll^ miller Select men & assessors and Overseers of the Poore

Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Lieu^{t} Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Joshua Whitney David Bigelow Comfort Rice Wardens

John Smith Sam^{ll} m^{c}Craken Constables

John Smith was Excused at ye adjournment & m^{r} David Chaddick was Chosen in his Stead

Jonas Hubbard Collector

Sam^{ll} m^{c}Craken Sealer of tannd & Curried leather

Timothy Biggelow Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the market

David Bigelow Phinehas Ward Surveyors of Bords shingles hoops & staves

Nathan Perry Ebenezer Willington Willm mahon Solomon Bixby Sam^{ll} Curtis David Bigelow Sam^{ll} miller Willm Young Jonas Nichos Willm Taylor Daniel Beard Benjamin Whitney James Barber Surveyors of the high ways & Collectors of high way Taxes

Daniel Johnson Joshua Whitney Fence Viewers

Benjamin Stoel William Gates Jonas Nichols Tything men

Ebenezer Barber Joseph Barber Deer Reeves

Joshua Whitney William Gates Field Drivers

William Dana Robert Cook William Brown Solomon Johnson Junr Sam^{ll} Eaton Jonas Cutting Joseph miller Joseph Hastings Hog Reeves

a County Treasurer voted for

Voted on the third artickle in the Warrant that the sum of seven pounds be and hereby is Granted unto Jonas Hubbard for Collecting the Taxes the Currant year and that he give bond with sufficient Bondsmen to the Town Treasurer to pay the money that shall be Granted & assessed the Currant year and Commited to him to Collect

On the fourth artickle Voted that One Hundred pounds be & hereby is Granted for the support of the schools the Currant year, which with the school Intrest money being five pounds be applied for the support of schools in the same way and manner as was voted the last year, Excepting the alteration made by the

following grants of Petitions on file (viz) Voted that Thomas Nichols, Will[m] m[c]Farland, Jacob Chamberlain, Joseph Wyley, Paul Kingston,, John Chamberlain & Thadeus Chamberlain have such Proportion of School money as they Pay to be imployed in schooling their Children. Voted that Josiah Knight and Jonathan Lovel be taken of from Curtises Quarter and be aded to Peirces Quarter for schooling. Voted that Parkers quarter or district for Schooling be allowed to be Divided by the inhabitants of said quarter into two Distinct Districts as they shall agree. Voted that the following persons be a Committee to provide School masters the Currant year (viz) Timothy Bigelow for the Grammer school Samuel Mower, William M[c]Farland, Samuel Clark, William Gates, Comfort Rice, Solomon Bixby, Noah Jones, John Greene, Robert Smith & Ezekiel How for English schools. Voted that Amos Wheeler, Joseph Sprague and David Thomas have their school money provided that they be under the direction of the Committee man of Tatneck quarter for the laying out & disposing of the same

Voted on the fifth artickle that Sam[ll] Brown David Bancroft and William Dana be a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer.

Voted on the sixth artickle that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be Granted Levied and assessed on the poles and Estates in said Town the Currant year to be Expended in building Bridges & Causeyways and repairing such as are decayed and in puting & keeping the Roads in good repair the Currant year and that the same wages be allowed labourers at the highway as was the last year, and that the same be worked out by or before the first day of october next and that the Select mene squadron out to Each Surveyor the persons that shall work under them so that Each Surveyor have a tax in proportion to his Labor, and that such of the inhabitants as worked out more than his or their tax the last year be allowed for the same out of the present years tax he or they producing proper Certificates thereof, and those that have not worked out their last years tax may haye liberty to work out the same provided they do it by or before the twenty fifth day of June next

Voted that the Seventh artickle[1] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

On the Eighth artickle Voted Liberty for the swine to go at large provided they are yoked & ringed according to law.

Voted that the ninth artickle[2] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the Tenth artickle[3] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that the Eleventh artickle[4] be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

On the twelfth artickle Voted that messrs Joshua Bigelow Samll miller & Nathan Perry be a Committee to treat with mr Simon Gates and all such persons as own land, through which the Select men have lately laid out a road leading from the Country Road near Elisha Gurneys to micah Johnsons Respecting the Damages they severally do or shall sustain by means of Said Road being laid through their lands and make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the thirteenth artickle[5] be Refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

On the fourteenth artickle Voted that the Select men be a Committee to take proper Care of the Town stock of ammunition

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 20th Day of march Instant at one of the clock afternoon at this place

Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal attest

℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Worcester ss. march 6 1775 Then Came before me the subscriber one of his majestys Justices of the peace for the County of Worcester the following persons Elected into the following offices in the Town of Worcester namely.

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[1] Refers to ministerial interest money.

[2 3 4 5] These articles have reference to new roads.

Joshua Bigelow, Benjamin Flagg, William Young, Josiah Peirce, Samuel miller Chosen assessors—Nathan Perry Town Treasurer—Joshua Whitney David Bigelow & Comfort Rice Wardens—Samuel m^{c}Craken Constable—Jonas Hubbard Collector of taxes—Samuel m^{c}Craken Sealer of Tanned & curied leather—Timothy Bigelow Clerk of the market—David Bigelow, Phinehas Ward Surveyors of Bords hoops &c—Nathan Perry, Ebenezer Willington, William mahan, Solomon Bixby, Samuel Curtis, David Bigelow Sam^{ll} miller William Young, Jonas Nichols, William Taylor, Daniel Beard & Benjamin Whitney Surveyors of high ways and Collectors of the high way Tax–Daniel Johnson, Joshua Whitney fence Viewers —Benjamin Stoel, William Gates Jonas Nichols Tything men—Joseph Barber Deer Reeve—Joshua Whitney & William Gates field Drivers –and made Oath that they would Respectively Discharge their Respective Trusts aforementioned according to Law

Tim^{o} Paine

Entered from the Origonal

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Worcester ss} *march 13 1775 To m^{r} Sam^{ll} m^{c}Craken one of the Constables of the Town of Worcester. You are hereby Directed to notify the persons hereafter named being legally Chosen into the several offices herein mentioned by the Town of Worcester at their annual meeting in said Town on the Sixth Day of march Currant, to Repair to some Justice of the peace within this County and there make oath to the faithfull Discharge of the offices to which they are Respectively Chosen, and that they do the same within six days from the Date hereof, and thereof bring Certificate to us. viz Sam^{ll} Curtis assessor—Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk—John Smith second Constable—Ephr^{m} Curtis Clerk of the market —Eben^{r} Barber Deer Reeve—Willm Dana, Robert Cook, Willm Brown, Solomon Johnson Junr. Sam^{ll} Eaton Jonas Cuting, Joseph miller, Joseph Hastings Hog Reeves

Joshua Bigelow — Josiah Peirce
Benjamin Flagg — Jon^{a} Stone
Willm Young — Sam^{ll} miller

Select men of Worcester

In Obedience to the within Warrant to me Directed I have Notified the several persons herein Named to Repair to some Justice of the peace within this County and there make oath to the faithfull Discharge of the offices to which they are respectively Chosen and that they do the Same within six days from the Date of the within Warrant, and thereof bring Certificates to the Select men of Worcester

Worcester march 17 1775 Sam[l] mCraken Constable of Worcester

Entered from the Origonal

attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Worcester march 18 1775 M[r]. Nathan Baldwin Chosen to the office of Town Clerk within the Town of Worcester, Came before the subscriber one of his majesties [justices] of the peace within and for the County of Worcester and maketh Oath that he will diligently and faithfully attend and discharge the duty of his place, and duly observe the Directions of the Law in all things whereunto his office hath Relation and thereby Committed to his Care and Charge att[a] Tim[o] Paine

Worcester ss 13 march 1775 Jon[a] Stone Chosen one of the assessors for the Town of Worcester was Sworn according to law faithfully to perform said office

before Tim[o] Paine Justis pac[a]

Worcester ss march 18 1775 m[r] Sam[ll] Curtis Chosen an assessor of Taxes in the Town of Worcester at the annual march meeting for this year Came before me & was sworn as the law directs to the faithfull Discharge of his office

Tim[o] Paine Justis Pacis

Worcester ss March 20 1775 m[r] Ephraim Curtis made Oath according to Law faithfully to Discharge the office of Clerk of the market in the Town of Worcester to which he is Chosen at the annual meeting in Worcester in march Currant

before Tim[o] Paine Just[a] Paci[a]

Worcester ss 17 march 1775 Then Jonas Cutting Chosen a hog reave in the Town of Worcester at the annual meeting in march Currant, made Oath according to Law faithfully to discharge the Duty of his office Before Tim° Paine Just Paci[s]

Worcester ss march 17 1775 Will[m] Brown made oath faithfully to discharge the office of hog reave according to law in the town of Worcester to which office he was chosen at the annual meeting in march Currant Before Tim° Paine Just[s] Pacis

Worcester ss 20th march 1775 Then Joseph Hastings Came before me and was sworn to the faith full Discharge of his office as Hogreave in the Town of Worcester to which he was Chosen in march Currant Tim° Paine Just Pacis

Worcester ss 25 march 1775 m[r] Joseph miller Chosen at the annual meeting in march Currant an hog reave in the Town of Worcester Came before me and made Oath faithfully to attend & Discharge the Duty of his office according to Law
Tim° Paine Just[s] Pacis

Worcester ss April 18 1775 Sam[ll] Whitney a Hogreave at the annual meeting in Worcester in march last made Oath faithfully to discharge his office in and by all the perticulars of the law whereto it hath Relations before Tim° Paine Justs Pacis

Entered from the Origonal Certificates
Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from monday march the 6th to the 20th day of march Instant at one of the Clock afternoon at this place.

M[r] William Young being moderator

On the Ninth artick[le][1] in the Warrant the Request being withdrawn.

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[1] See page 256.

Voted on the Tenth artickle to accept of a two rod Road laid out at the Request of Benjamin Chapin & others through Lands of said Chapin and land of Francis Cutting said road begining at the End of a Road formerly laid out to said Cutings Dwelling House at a heap of stones from thence to the west End of said Cuttings Barn thence to a heap of stones in said Cuttings land, thence to a heap of stones in the line between said Cutings land and said Chapins land thence to a Rock with stones upon it thence to a heap of stones thence to a stake and stones in the southwesterly Corner of Benjamin Chapin Junr field the Road to be on the West side of said marks

Voted on the Eleventh artickle to accept of the Road laid out at the Request of Jonathan Stone and Others said Road to be two Rods wide & leads from the meeting House near the south part of the Town to oxford line, begining at a Walnut Tree near said meeting House thence to a chesnut tree, to a white Oak tree, to a pitch pine tree, to a white pine tree to a maple tree, then streight to oxford line the Road to be on the south side said marks, the said Road is laid out Throug land of Thomas Drewry.

(Voted not to accept the road mentioned in the twelfth artickle)

On the thirteenth artickle Voted not to accept of the Bridle way therein mentioned Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

The Select men made the following Report to the Town Relative to the money arising by the sale of the ministerial land &c viz that the said money remains in the hands of

Willm Yong & Robert Henry	£116	0	0
David Sanderson Jno Stoel & Jonas marble	50	0	0
John Child Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40	0	0
Palmer Goulding John Boyden & Cornls Stoel	35	17	10
noah Jones & Daniel Boyden	20	0	0
Ebenr. Willington & Edwd Knight	13	6	8
Phins. Ward Samll Curtis & David Richardson	22	15	0

John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
David Bigelow & Jonas Ward	35	16	8
	£367	2	10

That they have not Rec[d] any Intrest on any of said Bonds Except Childs and not paid any of it to M[r] Macarty.

Worcester march 6 1775 — Timothy Paine, Benj[a] Flagg, Josiah Peirce } Select men of Worcester for 1774

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 20th day of march A D 1775 after legal warning for the same to act on the matter Contained in the warrant

M[r] William Young Chosen moderator

att[a] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Voted on the second artickle that Each one of the minute men belonging to the Town of Worcester to the number of seventy two, that shall punctually attend to train one half Day in Each week, shall be paid by the Town one shiling ℔ man for each half days service, from and after the 6th Day of march Instant, for so many half days as they shall train more than other Companies shall do that belong to this Town, untill the Town shall other way Order. and all those that have Inlisted as minute men that shall not punctually attend when notified by their Commanding officer or his Order shall each pay one shilling out of their wages for each and every such of their neglect or neglects. Voted that if any of the minute men remove out of this Town or fail to attend their Duty as minute men when Called to action that such of them shall forfeit all their wages before granted

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 8th day of may next at two OClock afternoon to meet at this place

Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in Worcester by adjournment from monday the 20th Day of march 1775 to the 8th of may 1775 at two oClock afternoon to meet at this place

The Town being met according to adjournment Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the twenty second day of may Inst at four of the Clock P M at this Place

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

May the 22 1775 The Town being met agreeable to the adjournment Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to the third monday of October next at one of the Clock P M at this place

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin T Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 16th Day of October 1775 by adjournment from may the 22 1775 Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to the first monday in march Next to meet at this place at nine of the Clock in the forenoon

att William Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Legally warned and held at the meeting House in Worcester may the 22nd 1775 at three of the Clock in the afternoon by the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote in Town affairs and for a Representative

On the first artickle in the Warrant Mr David Bancroft was Chosen to Represent this Town in a Provincial Congress to be Convened at Watertown on the 31st day of may Instant and to Continue in said office if need be six months and no longer.

On the second artickle m[r] William Young was Chosen moderator attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the first artickle Voted that Mess[rs]: William Young, Josiah Peirce, Nathan Baldwin Jonathan Stone and Sam[ll] Curtis be a Committee to draw up instructions proper to be given to M[r] David Bancroft respecting his Conduct in the Provincial Congress and lay the same before the Town for their acceptance at the adjournment of this meeting

On the third artickle Voted that the sum of Twenty pounds be Granted to the Select men to enable them to support the poor and they to give account to the Town how the same be laid out	£20 0 0
On the fourth. [artickle] Voted that the sum of Eighty pounds be Granted to the Revd. Mr Mecarty for his Sallery Commencing in June next	80
On the fifth artickle Voted that the Sum of three pounds be granted to the select men to be applied towards taking Care of the meeting house and ringing the bell and they to account to the Town for the same	3

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 29th day of may instant to meet at this place at five oClock after noon

Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester held by adjournment from may the 22nd to may y[e] 29 instant

On the Petition of Jacob Hemingway, Robert Gray, James m[c]-Farland, Sam[ll] Miller, Ephraim miller, W[m] Jenison Sterne, John Moore, and Moses Miller, Praying that they might be allowed to have their own school money and lay it out among themselves for the education of their Children they being very remote from those schools that are kept.

Voted that the prayer of this petition be granted for the present year and that the money be under the inspection of the Committee man for that quarter.

The Committee Chosen by the Town at their last meeting to draw up proper instructions to be given to M^r. David Bancroft Respecting his Conduct in the Provincial Congress Returned the following and the Town by a unanimous vote accepted the same which is as follows.

To Mr David Bancroft S^r. The Town of Worcester having Chosen you their Delegate to Represent them in the Provincial Congress to be Convened and held at Watertown upon the 31st Day of may Instant and so de die in diem during their Session & Sessions for six months from the said 31st day of may and no longer. And notwithstanding the high Opinion we have of your integrity, wisdom, and fortitude, think it our Duty to give you our perticular instructions Relative to some matters that may Come under your Consideration, and when anything Extraordinary of a publick nature Occurs that Concerns your duty as our Representative, we injoyn it upon you that you take our further perticular instructions upon the matter if in your power. Especially at this time, when a Corrupt Despotick ministry with a wink or a nod rules both the King and Parliment of Great Britain with such absolute sway that they are but a meer nose of Wax turned and moulded any, and every way to answer Despotick purposes, Overthrow the English Constitution of Government and plunder the americans of both liberty & Property.

From hence our Charter Nullified our Governor made Despotick and independant of the people, our Judges of our Court Dependant upon the King for both their place & pay, Jurors to be packed by a dependant Sherrif, a law purporting for the Kings officers if they please to murder the Kings subjects in this Province with impunity, the port and harbour of Boston blocked up and our trade stoped untill we shall pay for tea we know not how much, and destroyed by we know not who, and if we Comply and pay for said Tea then all the wharves, Docks, Quays, landing places, and Shores within the port and harbour of Boston are forfieted into the hands, and are to be at the Disposal of his present majestie and his successors for ever, the Town of Boston reduced to millatary goverment, the Governor of the Province sending out troops

into the Country frequently who have Robed and plundered the publick stores maggazines &c, and Destroyed private property, and to compleat the secene have murdered and butchered a great number of our peaceable quiet inhabitants and loyall subjects of his majesty. Our legislative authority according to Charter Destroyed, and we Drove to the necessity instead thereof to hold a Congress and as the spiritual ruin was designed against us as well as temporal, the Romish Religion is established in the largest Goverment upon the Continent Civil Goverment the former security of life and property we are deprived off and under the Disagreeable necessity of taking up armes and Defending ourselves against Britains who ought to Joyn with us in the defence of our lives rights, liberties, and the English Constitution, the only safe bassis of his majestys throne.

These are but a part of the acts of that legislature that Claims a right to make laws binding upon us in all Cases whatever. Under these accumulated oppressions and Tyrannical acts of the British Parliment, it behoves you to steer clear of those Rocks that have dashed the constitutional liberties of our fellow subjects in Great Britain & threaten us in america. The millions upon millions of the national debt hath arisen (as we think not by misfortune but) by exorbitant grants to placemen and pensioners.

You are therefore in all Grants of the Publick money to be especially Carefull that no more is given to any person for his services than an adequate pay for the same, & that no person be allowed to live in luxury and idleness or become oppulently rich at the publick expense. there is nothing in a well ordered Goverment that requires it; and in whatever Community it is allowed they are raising such another tribe of Tyrants to destroy themselves as we are now Justly fighting against, this nothing for its illustration but to take a Retrospective view of the Conduct of some persons of this Town as well as other parts of the Province. God grant that this Country may never produce any more such ingrates.

The difficulties we labor under for want of an Established civil Goverment necessitates us to Injoyn it upon you that you endeavor that advice of the Grand Continental Congress be obtained upon

that matter, and that we have such a form of Goverment Established as that every officer in it be dependant upon the Suffrages of the people for their place & pay. And as General Gage Commander in chief of his majestys forces in america hath since he has been in Boston sent out his troops into the Country who have robed plundered and murdered a number of his majestys loyal subjects, and by fraud disarmed the inhabitants of Boston and by breach of solemn Contract detains some of them prisoners in Boston and been guilty of such conduct as is not only unchristian and Derogatory to the Character of a good Soldier, but would be a disgrace to a savage.

You are therefore as far as is Consistent with the nature of your office to give all the aid and assistance in your power towards subjecting him and the army under his Command and Recovering the property both publick & private that they have unjustly taken away, and that he and the murderers under his Command may be brought to Condign punnishment, and that the Estates of our Domestick Enemies may be secured for the Publick use. You are also to Endeavor that proper measures be taken to supply this Collony with arms ammunition and all warlike stores necessary for defence. and to take proper measures for keeping up harmoney and Union with all our Sister Collonies.

Will[m] Young ℔ ord of the Committee

Worcester may 29 1775

Entered from the Origonal

Nathan Baldwin T Clerk—Will[m] Young moderator

At a Town meeting legally warned and held at the meeting House in Worcester by the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town quallified to vote for a Representative the Currant year.

A motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would proceed to choose one or more persons to Represent them in a Great and General Court the Currant year, and the question being put it passed in the affirmative. Then a motion was made and the question put to see if the Town would choose more than one person to Represent them and it passed in the negative.

Then M^r^. David Bancroft was chosen to Represent said Town the Currant year in the General assembly

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Then a motion was made and the question put to see if the Town would reconsider their vote for choosing but one person to Represent them and the question being put it passed in the Negative. Then a motion was made and the question put to see if the Town would give instructions to their Representative and it passed in the affirmative. Upon a motion being made to choose a Committee to draw up proper instructions to be given to the Representative and make Report thereof to the Town

Voted that Messrs. Nathan Baldwin, John Nazro, Sam^ll^ Curtis, David Bigelow, and Asa Moore be a Committee for said purpose.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to fryday the 14th day of July instant at six oClock in the after noon to be held at this place.

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in Worcester by adjournment from monday July the 10th 1775 to fryday July 14th 1775 at six oClock in the afternoon.

A motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would Reconsider their vote for choosing but one Representative passed at the last meeting and it passed in the affirmative

a motion was then made and seconded to see if the Town would adjourn the meeting to some future Day for the choice of some other person to Represent them in the General assembly and the question being put it passed in the Negative.

Then M^r^. Joshua Bigelow was chosen to Represent said Town in Colleague with m^r^. David Bancroft who was chosen at last meeting. Then Voted that the instructions for the Representative reported by the Commitee chosen at last meeting be accepted, upon condition that the precept be returned to the Select men, and m^r^. Joshua Bigelows name be incerted in the Return, and that the instructions be Directed to mess^rs^. David Bancroft and Joshua Bigelow and then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 23rd day of October A D 1775 after being legally warned to act on the artickles Contained in the warrant for said meeting.

at said meeting Mr. William Young was Chosen moderator

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second artickle Voted that the following sums of money be Granted (viz)

To Mr. Joshua Bigelow for his attendance one the Congress at Concord & Cambridge Twenty two Days in the year 1774	£6 10 0
To mr David Bigelow for 37 feet of plank for mending Bridges	0 2 8

On the third artickle voted that the inhabitants shall forthwith bring in an Invoice of their Pols and Ratable Estate to the assors.

On the fourth artickle Voted that the money Granted in march & may last as also the money now Granted at this meeting be assessed in one tax, Except the ministers tax and the money Granted for sweeping the meeting House & Ringing the Bell.

On the fifth artickle Voted that the money Granted as afforesaid be one half of it paid into the Town Treasurer in the month of January next, and the other half in the month of march next insuing.

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 13th Day of November next at one OClock in the afternoon to meet at this place att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 13th Day of November 1775 by adjournment from October ye 23 1775

On the second artickle in the Warrant, Voted to grant the following sums of money (viz)

Unto Mr. Timothy Bigelow Towards paying him for his services in attending upon the Congress at Concord and at Cambridge	£6	10	0
To the Select men to Enable them to pay the Committee for mounting the Cannon and provideing the necessary Utencils for the same	17	19	11
To Mr. Jonathan Rice Collector for the years 1772 & 1773 the following persons Rates he not being able to Collect them viz			
John Murray for his son Daniel	0	10	8
John Smith Hatter for one pole	0	10	8
Daniel Gleason	0	10	6
Richard Kelley for his son	0	4	8½
James Mason	0	8	1½
Oliver Peirce	0	8	1½
Jonathan Bancroft	0	2	9
Nathaniel Bancroft	0	2	9
Edmond Nichols	0	2	9
To Mr. Ebenezer Wiswall for mending the meeting House Windows	0	1	8
To Mr. Solomon Johnson Junr. for mending the wheel of the meeting House Bell	0	18	0
To the Town Treasurer to make up the Deficiency of Jonathan Rices Collections in the years 1772 & 1773	3	1	0½
Further Granted to Mr Jonathan Rice the following persons Rates (viz)			
James Conway	0	10	8
Michael Katen	0	10	8
Jonathan Stone	0	10	8
Ephraim Harrington	0	3	11⅝
Peter Buck	0	10	8
Samll McCraken for Paul Gates	0	10	8

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 13th Day of November A D 1775 after legal warn- for the same. To act on the matters Contained in the Warrant, Mr William Young was Chosen moderator

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

The second artickle[1] in the Warrant was Dismissed

On the third artickle Voted that messr. Samll mcCraken, Joshua Whitney, & Ebenezer Lovel be a Committee to make inquiry what moneys belonging to the Town is in the hands of any and all the former Collectors & make Report thereof to the Town att the annual Town meeting in march next. Voted that all such Collectors of Taxes as have any of the Towns money in their hands pay the same forthwith into the hands of Mr Nathan Perry Town Treasurer. Att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 22nd Day of January A D 1776 at two of the Clock in the afternoon, after legal warning for the same to act on the matters Contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

On the first artickle in the Warrant Chose Mr. William Young moderator.

On the second artickle Voted to make Choice of Two persons to serve as civil officers (viz as Justices of the peace)

Then proceeded and by Vote made Choice of Mr Samuel Curtis to serve in said office. and then by Vote made Choice of mr. William Young to serve in said office.

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Attest Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on on monday the 22nd Day of January at four of the Clock in the afternoon A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the matters Contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

On the first artickle mr. William Young was Chosen moderator

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[1] "To See if the Town will Choose a Collector to Collect the Taxes the Currant Year: The Collector Chosen in march last being absent."

On the second artickle Voted that the sum of Three pounds sixteen shilings & Eleven pence 5/8ths be & hereby is Granted to mr Nathan Perry Town Treasurer, to make up the Deficiency of Mr. Jonathan Rices Collections in the years A D 1772 & A D 1773

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

att Wm. Young moderator

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 26th Day of February A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the matters contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

On the first artickle in said warrant mr William Young was chosen moderator attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second artickle Mr. William Taylor was Chosen Collector of Taxes for the year 1775 in the Room of mr. Jonas Hubbard who was chosen to said office in march last, But now being absent on the Publick Service.

The above named William Taylor was sworn to the faithfull discharge of the office of Collector as the law Directs. And agreed to Collect the Taxes for the year 1775 for and in Consideration of the Towns paying him five pounds Twelve shilings

att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 4th Day of march A D 1776 after legal Warning for the Choice of Town officers &c and to transact other matters agreeable to the several artickles Contained in the Warrant

at said meeting mr. William Young was Chosen moderator

attt. Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Benjamin Flagg William Young Josiah Peirce Jonathan Stone Samuel Curtis Samuel miller David Bigelow Chosen Select men Over seers of the poore and assessors

Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Samuel m^{c}Craken Samuel Bridge Constables

Noah Jones Daniel Boyden Wardens

William Taylor Collector of Taxes

Samuel m^{c}Craken Sealer of tand & Curied leather

Stephen Salisbury Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the market

Jacob Hemingway Daniel Bigelow Ju^{r}. Surveyors of bords shingles & hoops

Nathan Perry Ebenezer Willington William Mahan Solomon Bixbe Sam^{ll} Curtis David Bigelow Sam^{ll} Miller William Young Jonas Nichols William Taylor Daniel Beard Benjamin Whitney James Barber Surveyers of highways & collectors of highway Taxes, they Each of them was Chosen the last year and by a Vote of the Town Continued surveyors of highways and Collectors of highway taxes the Currant year

Daniel Johnson Joshua Whitney Fence Viewers

Levi Houghton Samuel Whitney Thomas Drury Tithingmen

Ebenezer Barber Joseph Barber Deer Reeves

Benjamin Stoel James Moore Field Drivers

Benjamin Whitney John Goodwin John Elder Joseph Sprague Jonathan Flagg Nathan Heard Thomas Rice Ju^{r}. Samuel Gates Hog Reeves

On the Second artickle Voted that the Committees of Correspondence and Inspection heretofore Chosen for this Town be Dismissed from their said offices

Nathan Baldwin Nathan Perry Asa Moore Ezekiel How Levi Lincoln Chosen Committee of Correspondence Inspection & safety

Voted for a Regester of Deeds & Conveyances of Lands and the votes were as follows viz

Nathan Baldwin had 77 votes
Manassah Smith 14
Joseph Henshaw 3
Nathan Perry 1
William Young 1

Voted for a County Treasurer and the votes were as follows viz

Steven Salisbury had 11 votes
William Young 13
Doct^r^ Elijah Dix 22
Nathan Baldwin 1

On the third artickle M^r^. William Taylor was Chosen Collector of Taxes the Currant year and agreed to do that service for six pounds, and to give bond with sureties for his faithfull performance of said service Voted that the sum of six pounds be and hereby is Granted to the said William Taylor to pay him for said service

On the fourth artickle Voted that the sum of one Hundred pounds be & hereby is Granted for the support of the schools the Currant Year, which with the school Intrest money being five pounds be applied for the support of schools in the same way and manner as was voted the last year.

Voted that the following persons be a Committee to provide school masters the Currant year (viz) Samuel Bridge for the Grammer School, Peter Johnson, James Barber, Daniel Harris, Francis Harrington, William m^c^Farland, Deacon Samuel miller, Solomon Bixbe, Benjamin Stoel, Comfort Rice, Noah Jones, and David Chadwick, for English Schools.

On the fifth artickle Voted that mess^rs^. Stephen Salisbury, Samuel Brown and Doct^r^ Elijah Dix be a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and Report to the Town

On the sixth artickle Voted that no highway tax be granted the Currant year, but that the surveyors & Collectors of high Way Taxes Chosen the last year be Continued in their Respective offices, and cause all the arrears of the high way taxes to be worked out the Currant year in keeping the Publick and Town Roads in repair

On the seventh artickle Voted that the swine may go at large they being Yoked & ringed according to law

On the Eighth artickle the Select men Reported that the money arising by the sale of the ministerial Lands is in the hands of the following persons (viz)

William Young & Robert Henry	£116	0	0
David Sanderson, John Stoel & Jonathan Marble	50		
John Child, Isaac Smith & Jonas Ward	40		
Palmer Goulding, John Boyden & Cornelius Stoel	35	17	10
David Thomas and Joseph Wyley	20		
EbenezerWillington & Edward Knight	13	6	8
John Boyden & James Nichols	33	6	8
Phinehas Ward, Samuel Curtis & David Richardson	22	15	
David Bigelow & Jonas Ward	35	16	8
	£367	2	10

and that they have Received the whole of the intrest money arrising by the sale of said lands, and have paid the same to the Rev^{d}, Thadeus mecarty and taken his Receipts for the same up to November the 1st 1775 Therefore Voted that the Select men be Discharged of said intrest

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 18th Day of march Instant three OClock in the afternoon to meet at this place att^{t} W^{m}. Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

all the affores^{d} officers are duely sworn Except Noah Jones & Daniel Boyden Wardens. Thos. Drury Tithingman Eben^{r} Barber Deer Reeve. James Moore field Driver. Nathan Heard hogreeve.

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from monday march ye 4th to monday march ye 18th 1776 m^r^. William Young being moderator

Voted that the ninth artickle[1] be Dismissed

On the Tenth artickle the Select men laid before the [meeting a] list of persons names liable by law, and which they Judged able and quallified to serve on Petit Jurors. out of which the Town selected one third part to serve as Jurors at the superior Court of Judicature Court of assize and General Gaol Delivery, Namely

Ezekiel How	Ebenezer Lovel	William Young
Noah Jones	Comfort Rice	Timothy Bigelow
Jonathan Stone	Josiah Peirce	Samuel Curtis
David Bigelow	Peter Johnson	Nathan Perry
Thomas Wheeler	William Dana	Nathaniel Moore
James Goodwin	John Fisk	Benjamin Flagg
Samuel Woodburn	Amos Wheeler	John Kelso
Samuel Miller	Jonathan Phillips	David Bancroft
Silas Moore	William Gates	Benjamin Stoel
Stephen Salisbury	Asa Moore	Daniel Bigelow Jur

and the Remainder of list to serve as Jurors in the Inferior Court of Common pleas and Court of General sessions of the peace namely.

Thomas Nickels	Daniel Harris	Ephraim Miller
Joseph Barber	Thomas Eaton	Robert Crawford
Samuel Brown	David Chadwick	Richard Pratt
Lemuel Rice	Samuel Clark	Ebenezer Willington
Thomas Drury Jur	Joseph Hastings	Joshua Whitney
Jonathan Fisk	Levi Houghton	Noah Harris
Ebenezer Wiswall	John Nazro	Jonathan Lovel
Solomon Bixbe	Peter Boyden	John Moore
Jabob Holmes Jur	David Thomas	Robert Smith
Robert Gray	Joseph Sprague	William Taylor
Josiah Harrington Jur	Jonathan Flagg	Oliver Curtis
John Barber	Elisha Gurney	James Trowbridge
Nathaniel Brooks	James Barber	Simon Gates
Solomon Johnson Jur	William Johnson	Joseph Wyley

[1] To see if the town would pay for a road laid through the land of Francis Cutting.

Benjamin Whitney	Isaac Willard	Jonathan Gleason
Samuel mcCraken	Jonas Nichols	Cypron Stevens
Reuben Gray	Jonathan Stone Jur	Joseph Miller
William McFarland	James Moore	Asa Ward
Moses Miller	Thomas Beard Jur	Samuel Bridge
Daniel Beard	Samll Goddard	John Smith

and Voted that their Names be put into sepperate Boxes according to Law.

The foregoing Votes was passed at said meeting.

And then voted that this meeting be Dissolved

att^{t}. W^{m}. Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Att a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 18th Day of march A D 1776 after legal warning for said meeting

On the first artickle m^{r}. William Young was Chosen moderator

On the second artickle the Committee Chosen in march last to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer made the following Report which was accepted (viz)

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and having Exammined his accounts find the same Right Cast and well Vouched (viz) that he hath Rec^{d} in

	£317 12 9-2
paid out	308 8 10-3
Ballance Due to the Town in the Treasurers hand	9 3 10-3

Worcester march 18th 1776

Sam^{ll} Brown
David Bancroft

On the third artickle Voted that the Inhabitants of Tatnick quarter for schooling be allowed under the Direction of their school Committee man to lay out this present year in schooling the money that was Granted to said quarter in the year 1774.

On the fourth artickle voted that the Inhabitants of this Town shall give into the select men the true number of persons belonging to Each of their families.

The fifth artickle[1] was Refered to the adjournment of this meeting

On the sixth artickle Capt. James Goodwin & M^{r}. Daniel Bigelow Ju^{r}. was Chosen a Committee to Inspect the behavior of such persons as tarry in the meeting House on Sabbath Days between meetings and if they shall discover any misbehavior that they inform lawfull authority of the same that offenders may be punnished

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the annual meeting in may next att^{t}. Wm Young moderator

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on thursday the 23^{d} day of may A D 1776 after legal Warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant

at S^{d} meeting M^{r}. William Young was Chosen moderator

att^{t} Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

at said meeting the following sums of money was Granted (viz)

To the Revd. Mr. Mecarty for his support & Sallery the present year	£90		
To the select men to enable them to support the poore of this town the Currant year	20		
To Mr. John Waters for taking Care of the meeting House the Currant year	3		
To the select men to enable them to pay for Ringing the bell the Currant year	1	4	
To Mr Francis Cutting to pay him for a Road laid through his land	6	13	4

On the fifth artickle voted that the inhabitants of this Town have liberty to set up horse stables upon the Common near the meeting House their Complying with the orders and Directions of Messrs. Thomas Wheeler, Nathan Perry, and Robert Smith.

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[1] Report of the committee to look after outstanding monies.

at said meeting a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would support Independence if it should be declared, the question was put and the Town Voted Unanimously that if the Continental Congress should declare the american Collonies independant of great Britain that they will support the measure with their lives and fortunes, and that the Town Clerk serve M[r] Joshua Bigelow Representative for this Town with a Coppy of said vote for his instruction at this time.

The foregoing votes was passed at said meeting and then voted to Dissolve the meeting att[t] W[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester July 8th 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the artickles Contained in the Warrant for said meeting

1 at said meeting William [Young] Esq[r] was Chosen moderator att[t]. Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

2 On the second artickle Voted that a sum of money be granted sufficient to augment the Bounty of each soldier called for at this time from this Town nine pounds in addition to the Bounty granted by the General Court, and then Voted that the sum of four Hundred & Eighty six pounds be and hereby is Granted for said purpose, which sum is to be assessed upon the poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town £486 0 0

Voted that Cap[t] Israel Jennison Cap[t] Ebenezer Lovel & m[r]. Robert Smith be a Committee to hire the afforesaid sum of four Hundred & Eighty six pounds in behalf of the Town for the purpose afforesaid.

3 On the third artickle M[r]. Nathan Baldwin was Chosen to take Recognizances and acknowledgments for the payment of Debts of any sum not Exceeding twenty pounds.

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved.

The afforegoing votes was passed at said meeting

att[t]. W[m]. Young moderator

augst 28th 1776 the above Named Nathan Baldwin was sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his S^{d} office as the law Directs see Certificate on file

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 26 day of august A D 1776 after legal Warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting William Young Esqr. was Chosen moderator

att Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second artickle in the Warrant a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town was willing to have a hospital Erected in this Town for Carrying on Innoculation for the small pox, and the Question was put, and it passed in the negative.

Then voted that this meeting be Dissolved.

the afforegoing votes was passed at said meeting.

att^{t} Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 30th day of september A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting William Young Esq was Chosen moderator

On the second artickle a Reigester of Deeds & conveyances of lands was voted for and the votes being sorted & Counted were as follows viz for Nathan Baldwin 49 for manasseh Smith 2 for Daniel Bigelow 1 for Joseph Henshaw 1

On the third artickle a County Treasurer was voted for and the votes being sorted and Counted were as follows (viz) for Nathan Perry 29 for Stephen Salisbury 6 for William Young 2

On the fourth artickle Voted That Considering the importance of forming a new mode of goverment for this state agreeable to a resolve of the General assembly of the 17 of Sepr. Instant, and the propriety of all the freemen in the state having a fair oppertunity to give their voice in the matter, and the great number of the free men of this Town being absent for the Defence of this and the other american states this artickle be refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

Then voted this meeting be adjourned to the third monday in December next to meet at this place at one OClock after noon

att Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

[The Declaration of Independence is here recorded with the following order of the Council:]

In Council, July 17th 1776

Ordered, That the Declaration of Independence be printed; and a coppy sent to the ministers of each Parish, of every Denomination, within this *State;* and that they severally be *reqired* to read the same to their Respective Congregations, as soon as divine service is ended, in the afternoon, on the first lords day after they shall have Received it:—And after such Publication thereof, to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their sev-[er]al Towns, or Districts; who are hereby Required to record the same in their respective Town or District Books, there to Remain as a *Perpetual Memorial* thereof.

R Derby, Junr. President

In the Name and by Order
of the *Council,*
A true Coppy Attest John Avery Dep. Sec'y

Entered from the origonal and examined
℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the publick meeting House in Worcester on monday the 21st day of October A D 1776 after legal

warning for the same to act on the Several artickles Contained in the Warrant

1 at said meeting William Young Esq[r] was Chosen moderator

2 On the second artickle the following sums of money was granted for the following purposes viz

To Samll mcCraken for Removing Abraham Niles and his family from Worcester to Graftown		£0 18
To Mr Joshua Bigelow for his attendance at the General Court		7 5
To Capt micah Johnson for 550 feet of plank for bridges		2 4
To Capt Palmer Goulding for ringing the bell three years ending march 1776		3 16
To Mrs Abigail Fullerton for a Coffin for Benoni Grout		0 8
To mr Thomas Drewry for pay for a road laid through his land		2 2 8
To the Select men for numbering the people (viz)		
To Collo Benja Flagg	£0 6	
Jona Stone	0 6	
Josiah Peirce	0 6	
Two days Coppying [ ]	0 8	
Willm Young Esqr	0 6	
Samll Curtis Esqr	0 6	
David Bigelow	0 4	
Deacon Samll miller	0 6	
		2 8
To Mr David Bancroft for his attendance at the Congress in the year 1775		6 0

3 The third artickle[1] not acted on

4 On the fourth artickle Voted that the money granted in march & may last and also the money granted at this meeting be assessed upon the poles and Estates of the inhabitants of this Town in one tax excepting the Rev[d] m[r] mecartys sallery and pay for taking Care of the meeting House.

[1] For the inhabitants to bring in lists of polls and estates.

5 On the fifth artickle voted that the whole of the money granted the currant year be paid into the Town Treasurer in the following manner (viz) the one half the first day of January next, and the other half the first of march next.

[Sixth article: "For all persons who have any Demands on the Town to bring them in, in order for adjustment."]

7 & 8 The seventh[1] & eighth[2] artickles refered to the adjournment of this meeting.

9 On the ninth artickle Voted that the inhabitants belonging to the south Parrish[3] in Worcester be exempted from paying any tax for raising a sum of money for augmenting the soldiers bounty that are gone to New York, that was granted by this Town in July last.

10 On the tenth artickle Voted to pay m^{r}. David Bancroft for his attendance at the Provincial Congress, and also Votted him the thanks of this Town for his Gift of one pound fifteen shilings of his wages.

11 On the Eleventh artickle M^{r}. Nathan Baldwin informed the Town that he had been requested by his brethren of the Committee of Correspondence &c of this Town to withdraw his motion for a Dismission from said office, and for that and some other reasons he withdrawed his motion. Therefore the town voted not to act anything further on said artickle

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 28th day of this Instant at two OClock after noon to meet at this House.

att^{t}. Wm Young Moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from monday the 21st day of October A D 1776 to monday the 28th Day of October Instant

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[1] "To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to pay the minute men for training relative to a former vote."

[2] "For the Town to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer."

[3] That part afterwards incorporated as the town of Ward, now Auburn.

William Young Esq[r] being moderator.

Voted on the second artickle that M[r]. David Thomas Collector of taxes for the year 1774 be abated and discharged from the following persons taxes (viz)

Jonathan Bancroft	£0 7 0 3	
John Cummins	0 7 0 3	
Edmund Nichols	0 7 0 3	
David Richards	0 7 0 3	
Francis Cutting 1 pole	0 7 0 3	
Widdow mahan Do	0 7 0 3	
Daniel Haven	0 7 0 3	
Thomas Nichols	0 7 0 3	
Jonathan Stone Jur.	0 1 8 0	
Jonathan Bartlet	0 7 0 3	
		£3 5 2 3

Voted that three pounds five shilings and two pence three farthings be and hereby is Granted to M[r]. Nathan perry Town Treasurer to make up the above deficiencys in m[r]. David Thomas[s] Collection of taxes.

On the Eighth artickle a County treasurer was voted for, and the votes were for [the] following persons (viz) for M[r]. Nathan Perry 11 for Joseph Wheeler 9 for William Young 1

Att[t]. Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

N B The above votes for a County treasurer was never returned to the Court of General Sessions, they being not legally Collected

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At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 28 day of October A D 1776 after legal Warning for the same to act on the artickles contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting William Young Esq[r]. was Chosen moderator

On the second artickle in the Warrant the question was put to see if the Town will sell the Cannon belonging to this Town, and it passed in the negative.

and then voted that this meeting be Dissolved

att^{t}. W^{m}. Young moderator

Entered from the origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on Wednesday the 27th day of November A D 1776 after legal warning for the same to act on the several artickles contained in the warrant for said meeting.

at said meeting William Young Esqr. was chosen moderator

On the second artickle a County Treasurer was voted for and the votes were as follows (viz)

For Nathan Perry 49 votes

att^{t} Wm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Regulating act &c

State of the Massachusetts Bay To the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester.——In Obedience to an act of the Great and General Court of the state of the Massachusets Bay, intitelled an act to prevent monopoly & Oppression, by which the Select men and Committee of Correspondence &c of every Town in the said State are impowered and Directed to set & establish the prices of all such goods and articles in their respective Towns[as]are enumerated in said act in a certain proportion, Except as therein Excepted and also of such as are not so enumerated according to the same proportion.

The select men and Committee of the Town of Worcester have Considerered and do hereby resolve that the prices in the said Town for the labour or work of mechanics, tradesmen, the produce

of farms or wares and goods shall be the prices respectively herein affixed to the same and according to the proportion hereby established (viz)

Farming labour in the Sumer Season and so in the usual proportion fixed by the afforesaid act of Court at the highest price not to exceed 3/ ℔ day

Wheat good & merchandable not to exceed 6/8 ℔ bushel. Rye good &c not to exceed 4/6 ℔ bushel. Indean Corn good &c not to exceed 3/ ℔ bushel. Sheaps wool good &c not to exceed 2/ ℔ pound. Fresh pork good &c not to exceed 4^{d} ℔ pound Salt pork the best not to exceed 7^{d} ℔ pound. Beef grass fed good not to exceed 3^{d}℔ pound. Best stall fed Ditto 4^{d}℔ pound, beef of different quallities in proportion Hides raw 3^{d}, Calfskins raw 6^{d} ℔ pound Salt good &c 13/ ℔ bushel, Salt manufactured within this state 15/ ℔ bushel, Cheese good american not to exceed 6^{d} ℔ pound Butter the best not to exceed 9^{d} ℔ pound. Peas of the best kind not to exceed 7/ ℔ bushel, Beans good &c 6/ ℔ bushel. Portatoes the best spannish not to exceed 1/2 ℔ bushel in the fall nor 1/8 in the spring and other portatoes in proportion Stockins yarn of the best kind for men not to exceed 6/℔ pair smaller ones and of an inferior quallity in proportion. Shoes neets leather for men of the best common sort not to exceed 7/6 ℔ pair and so in proportion for those of an inferior size & quallity. and also for boots in proportion. Pork salted by the barril containing 220 pounds 86/ ℔ barril. Beef salted by the barril Containing 240 pounds 68/6 ℔ bbl. Oats good &c not to exceed 1/9 ℔ bushel. Flax good &c not to exceed 1/ ℔ pound. Coffee good &c 1/4 ℔ pound. Tallow tried 7^{d} Rough Ditto 5^{d}℔ pound & no more. tow Cloth good of a yard wide not to exceed 2/3℔ y^{d} other tow Cloth and couse linnens in proportion according to their widths & quallity Wood good Oak delivered at the doore of the purchaser not to exceed 8/ ℔ Cord and measured eight feet long and other wood in proportion. Charcoal good &c 7^{d} ℔ basket containing two bushels Hides well tanned not to exceed 1/3 ℔ pound and curried leather in proportion. Cotton & linnen homespun cloth yard wide of the best common sort 3/6 ℔ yd & of deferent widths & quallities in

proportion Mutton lamb or veal the best not to exceed $3^{d}1/2$ ℔ pound. Flour good &c not to exceed 23/ ℔^{c}. Horse keeping ℔ night or 24 hours with english hay not to exceed 1/4 Ox keeping for the same time ℔ pair 1/6 and bateing for horses or oxen in proportion as also their keeping at grass. Teaming work not to exceed the rate of 1/6 ℔ teem for each mile, and other teeming and draught work in proportion. Turkeys dunghill fowls &c ducks good & dressed as usual to be sold by the pound only & not to exceed $4^{d}1/2$ ℔ pound.

Geese not to exceed $3^{d}1/2$ ℔ pound. Milk good not to exceed 2^{d} ℔ quart. Hay English of the best kind not to exceed 3/ ℔^{c} and other hay in proportion according to the ancient custom of this Town. Bords of white pine the best sort not to exceed at the mill 48/ ℔^{m} Inch white pine Ditto of the best kind 6/8 ℔^{c} and slitwork Oak bords plank Joists and all other kinds of lumber in the Customary and usual proportion. Malt good & well prepared not to exceed 4/ ℔ bushel. Shoats alive for store not to exceed $2^{d}1/2$ ℔ pound Apples good & sound for the winter not to exceed 1/ ℔ bushel & other winter and sumer fruite in proportion. Cyder good &c at the press not to exceed 4/ ℔ barril and at other seasons of the year in pro[po]rtion. Tobacco good &c in the leaf not to exceed 6^{d} ℔ pound and other tobacco in proportion. Dinners at taverns for travellers or soldiers of boiled meat with the Common equivalent articles not to exceed 8^{d} of roast or roast & boiled in the usual proportion. Suppers or breakfast at taverns of tea Coffee or chocolate with the other necessaries not to exceed 8^{d} & others in proportion. Lodging at taverns not to exceed 4^{d} ℔ night and soldiers sleeping by the [ ] or on the floore not to be considered as Lodging in the sense of this resolve. Flip or tody mad with New England rum not to exceed 9^{d} ℔ mug. West India and other licquors in proportion.

Oats for horses at taverns not to exceed 3^{d} for two quarts and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity. Horse hire for the saddle not to exceed $2^{d}1/2$ ℔ mile. & for a carriage or draught not to exceed 3^{d} ℔ mile and after the same rate for other service. Breeches of the best sort of deers leather for men not to exceed 42/ ℔ pair. for boys or leather breeches not to exceed the same

proportion according to their size & quallity. Beavor hatts of the best kind not to exceed 42/ ℔ hatt good felt hatts not to exceed 7/ ℔ hatt and dressing hats in proportion to the price of other things herein established. Horse shoeing all round without steel not to exceed 4/4 and with steel corks heel and toe or either in the usual proportion. Ox Shoeing not to exceed 9/ ℔ pair and all other blacksmith work in proportion. Weaveing good of the common kind not to exceed the 5^{d} ℔ y^{d} for all woll cloth for mens wear of an Ell wide and no other weaving to exceed the same proportion. Making a full suite of superfine Cloths full trimed not to exceed 24/ and other taylor work in proportion. House wrights labour ℔ day not to exceed 3/ ℔ day and his other work in proportion. Scythes good &c not to exceed 8/ ax good &c not to exceed 10/ and other edge tools in proportion. Tanning hides not to exceed $1^{d}½$ ℔ pound and currying in proportion. Pails common with naild hoops not to exceed 1/4 ℔ pail. Barrils good heart ones 3/4. Making a pair of Shoes for a man not to exceed 3/

The select men and Committee affore said from the great difficulty of obtaining that knowledge of the former prices of many articles services and things at the disposal & within the notice respectively of the various classes of labourers, mechanics and trades men which is necessary in order to fix the perticular prices for such articles services and things, have considered, and do hereby resolve in general that all labourers mechanics and trades men (viz) Tanners, Curriers, Glovers, Saddlers, Chaise makers, Spinsters Brush makers, Peruke makers, Clothiers fullers, Dyers, Hosiers, mantua makers, Milliners, Buckle & Button makers, Jewellers, Goldsmiths, Masons, Brick layers, Glaziers, Painters, Joiners, turners, Bed stead makers, Carpet weavers, Paper makers, Printers, Engravers, Stone Cutters, Wheel wrights, well stoners, Wall builders, Millers, Cyder makers &c &c &c——shall not exceed for any article service or thing in their respective way imployment or occupation such prices for the said article service &c as are in a Just common and usual proportion to the prices afixed to articles herein enumerated according to antient usage and custom.

And the select [men] and Committee do recommend it to the good people of this Town to use their utmost endeavors, by example precept and legal exertions to support the laws of their Country in General and do hereby call upon them in the name of the Goverment and people of the Massachusets Bay, in the name of the passing Soldier, in behalf of Widows & orphans as they regard the credit of their Currency, the establishing an army and the authority of Goverment which alone gives dignity to peace and Renders War succesfull, to prevent monopolies and oppression by vindicating the present act against the lawless foot which dares to trample

Benj[a] Flagg W[m] Young Josiah Peirce Jon[a] Stone Sam[ll] Curtis Sam[ll] Miller David Bigelow	Select men of Worcester
Nathan Baldwin Nathan Perry Asa Moore Levi Lincoln	Committee of Corrispondence &c of Worcester

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on tuesday the 11th day of march A D 1777 after legal warning for the choice of Town officers &c and to transact other buisness agreeable to the several articles contained in the warrant for said meeting.

At said meeting William Young Esq[r] was chosen moderator

attest Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

Benjamin Flagg William Young Esq[r] Nathan Perry Jonathan Stone David Bigelow Benjamin Stoel John Kelso Chosen Select men And Overseers of the poore

Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Samuel Curtis Esq[r] Nathan Baldwin Samuel Brown Assessors

Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Samuel Fullerton Nathaniel Heywood Constables

William Taylor Collector of Taxes

John Cunningham William Stearns Samuel Miller Samuel Brown Josiah Peirce Committee of Corrispondence Inspection and safety

A Reigester of Deeds &c voted for and the votes stood as follows

for Nathan Baldwin	51 votes
for Joseph Henshaw	1
for Manaseh Smith	1
for William Young Esqr	1

A County Treasurer voted for and the votes was for

Nathan Perry	60
Levi Lincoln	1

Samuel m^{c}Craken sealer of tand & curried leather

Stephen Salisbury Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the market

Jacob Hemingway Phinehas Ward Surveyors of bords shingles & hoops

Samuel Clark Thomas Knight Samuel m^{c}Craken Soloman Bixby Comfort rice Noah Harris Robert Gray John Moore Abel Holbrook Absolom Rice Asa Ward Josep Barber Surveyors of high Ways and Collectors of high way taxes

Levi Houghton Robert Smith Fence Viewers

Nathaniel Brooks Thomas Drewry John Kelso Tithing men

Benjamin Stoel William m^{c}Farland Deer Reeves

James Moore Benjamin Stowel Field Drivers

Daniel Harris Nathaniel Harrington John Elder Isaac Gleason Josiah Knight Joseph Ball John Barnerd Josiah Harrington Ju^{r} Hogg Reeves

Josiah Peirce G[r]and jury man

all the affores^{d} officers whereof an oath is required are duly sworn except Stephen Salisbury & Eph^{m} Curtis Clerks of the market Thos Knight Solomon bixby & Noah Harris Surveyors of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes. Thos Drewry Tithing man

James moore field Driver. Isaac Gleason Josiah Knight John Barnerd & Josiah Harrington Ju^{r}. Hog Reeves

On the third article voted that Mr William Taylor Collector of Taxes the current year give bonds to the acceptance of the select men for his faithfull discharge of the Duties of said office. and voted that the sum of six pounds be and hereby is granted to him to pay him for said service

On the fourth article voted that the sum of one Hundred pounds be and hereby is Granted for the Support of Schools the Currant year which with the School interest money being five pounds be appropriated for said purpose and then voted that Messrs Nathan Baldwin, William Young, Nathaniel Brooks, Levi Houghton, Benjamin Flagg, William m^{c}Farland, Samuel Miller, Solomon Bixby, Benjamin Stoel, Samuel Curtis, Ebenezer Lovel and Ebenezer Willington be a Committee to prepare the draft of some equitable method for keeping the schools apportioning and laying out the money granted for schooling the Currant year, and report at the adjournment of this meeting, for the Town^{s} acceptance if they shall think proper

On the fifth article voted that Messrs. Stephen Salisbury, Sam^{ll} Brown and Elijah Dix be a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and report to the Town.

On the sixth article voted that the sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds be & hereby is granted to be levied and assessed on the poles & estates in said Town the Currant year to be expended in building bridges & causey ways and repairing such as are decayed, and in puting & keeping the roads in good repair the Currant year and that the same wages be allowed labourers at the high ways as was the last year and that the same be worked out by or before the first day of october next & that the assessors squadron out to each surveyor the persons that shall work under them, so that each Surveyor have a tax in proportion to his labour, and that such of the inhabitants as worked out more than his or their tax the last year be allowed for the same out of the present years tax, he or they producing a proper certificate thereof, and those that have not worked out their former tax may have the liberty to work out the same provided they do it before the twenty fifth day of June next

on the seventh articl voted that liberty be granted for the swine to go at large they being yoked and ringed according to law

The eighth article[1] refered to the adjournment of this meeting

On the ninth article voted that Messr. Levi Lincoln, Nathan Baldwin and Samll Curtis be a Committee to draw up proper instructions to be given to the Representative of this town and make report at the adjournment of this meeting

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to tuesday the 18th day of march instant at nine Oclock in the fore Noon to meet at this place. att Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from tuesday the 11th day of march 1777 to tuesday the 18th day of said march Willm Young Esqr being moderator of said meeting

At said meeting Nathan Baldwin was chosen to take Recognisances and acknowledgements for the payment of debts of any sum not exceeding Twenty pounds

At said meeting Messr. Levi Lincoln Nathan Baldwin and Samll Curtis reported the following as proper instructions to be given the Representative of this Town at this time (viz)

Worcester march 11 1777 at a Town [meeting] legally warned a Committee was appointed to prepare instructions to the Representative for the Town of Worcester Respecting a late law made and passed in the General Court intitled an act for the more equal Representation of the inhabitants of this state——the Committee beg leave to report as follows.

First Resolved that in the opinion of this Town the said act for enlarging the representation afforesaid was impollitic, unnecessary, unconstitutional and attended with many Consequences grevious to the good people in the inland parts of this state.

Secondly resolved that it be recommended to Joshua Bigelow Esqr and he is hereby requested and desired to use his utmost

[1] Relating to interest money.

endeavours at the General Court of this State to obtain a repeal of the said act before writs are issued for a New choice of Representatives.

Thirdly Resolved that the Town Clerk furnish Joshua Bigelow Esqr. with a coppy of these resolves as soon as may be

Levi Lincoln
Nathan Baldwin
Sam^{ll} Curtis

At said meeting the above report was accepted by a unanimous vote

Then voted that this meeting be further adjourned to the last monday in march instant at one OClock after noon to meet at this place att^{t} Willm Young Moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 31st day of march A D 1777 by several adjournments from the 11th day of said month Willm Young Esqr being moderator

At said meeting the Committee chosen at a former meeting to prepare the draft of some equitable method for keeping the school, apportioning and laying out the money granted for schooling the currant year, and report at this meeting, the said Committee reported as follows (viz)

That each District of this Town set apart for schooling Draw the monies they are assessed on their poles and estates towards raising the sum of one hundred pounds granted for schooling the currant year, the sums are as follows (viz)

		£			
Center District Draws		20	11	2	1
Bixbys	Do	5	7	8	2
Willm McFarland	Do	2	15	1	2
Capt Lovel	Do	7	13	2	2
Samll Curtis	Do	9	16	6	2
Levi Houghton	Do	6	0	3	0
Benja Stowel	Do	9	9	6	2

Ebenr Willington	Do	9	16	11	1
Deacon Miller	Do	3	9	1	2
Nathll Brooks	Do	8	2	5	1
Willm Young Esqr	Do	8	5	1	3
Coll Benja Flagg	Do	8	12	9	2
		£100	0	0	0

Voted that the afforegoing proportion be accepted and the monies Drawed accordingly——Then voted that the Grammer School be first kept in the middle of the Town and that twenty pounds eleven shillings two pence two farthings of this years Grant and also the five pounds interest money, and all their money not expended be allowed to them for keeping the Grammer School, and when that money is expended that then the grammer school be removed to any other quarter that the select men shall order & determine to make up the year

Voted that M^{r}. Sam^{ll} Bridge be a Committee man to provide a grammer School master. And Messrs. Solomon Bixby, Jonathan Phillips, William M^{c}farland, Comfort Rice, Benj^{a} Whitney Ju^{r}., Benj^{a} Stowel, Ebenezer Willington, Deacon Sam^{ll} Miller, Nathaniel Brooks, William Young Esqr. and Francis Harrington be a Committee to provide English School masters

Worcester march 31 1777 we the subscribers being appointed a committee by the Town to Exammine and settle accompts with the Town Treasurer for the year 1776 have attended said buisness and find the same well vouched and right cast it appears that he has Rec^{d} £284 19 5¼

Has paid out 266 10 11¼

Remaining in his hands £018 8 6

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Day of the anual Town meeting in may next at four of the Clock after noon to meet at this place

att^{a} Willm Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on Tuesday the 18th day of march A D 1777 after being legally warned to act on the artickles contained in the Warrant for said meeting

At said meeting William Young Esqr was Chosen moderator
att[t] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

The said meeting being Opened it [was] moved & seconded that this meeting be adjourned for one hour, and the question was put and it passed in the affirmative & accordingly was adjourned

met agreeable to adjournment. And on the second article Voted that the following plan be adopted for the encouragement of this Towns quota of men inlisting into the Continental army (viz) That the Town Choose a Committee to enquire & determine how much the several inhabitants of this Town have contributed towards the support of the present war with Great Britain & to exammine & determine how much those who are deficient Ought to Contribute to make them equal with those who have paid or Done their full proportion, & that the said Committee acquaint the said deficient persons how much they are in arrear and request that they pay the same into the hands of the said Committee to be appropriated together with the moneys already raised for the raising the men now to be raised for filling up the Batallions on the Continental Establishment

And that the sum of Twenty pounds as an additional bounty to the Continental & state bounty be given to each soldier that shall inlist into the Continental army for one of the proportion to be raised in the Town of Worcester, and that the bounty so engaged be levied upon the poles and estates of the inhabitants of the said Town, if the monies already raised & the money to be raised (from the persons who are deficient,) by the Committee appointed for that purpose shall not be sufficient for the payment of said bounty—Voted that the bounty granted by this Town shall be paid to such as shall inlist into said service immediately upon their passing muster—Voted that the before mentioned Committee Consist of seven (viz) Capt Ebenr Lovel, Nathan Baldwin, Josiah Peirce, Ezekiel How, Willm Young Esqr Nathan Perry and Capt. John Kelso—Voted that the sum of money belonging to this Town

in a former Committee' hands to raise the soldiers bounty be paid into the hands of this Committee to enable them to pay the bounty to such soldiers as may inlist and that the said Committee pay the same, and account to the Town of their doings and that the Committee make report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting. Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the last monday of march instant at one OClock after noon to meet at this place

att[t] Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the Public meeting House in Worcester by adjournment from march 18th 1777 to monday 31 day of said march William Young Esq[r] being moderator

The Committee that was chosen at a former meeting to Determine how much the several inhabitants of this Town have Contributed towards the support of the present War with Great Britain &c &c. Informed the Town that they was not Ready to Report and prayed for liberty to report at the further adjournment of this meeting which Request was Granted

And Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the seventh day of april next at one oclock after noon to meet at this place

att[t] Will[m] Young moderator

Entered from the Origonal Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Wor[c]ester 5[th] June 1777 Received of Cato Dawes forty six pounds Lawfull money in full for his time During Life

Will[m] Dawes Jur

Nath[n] Baldwin Town Cler

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the seventh day of april A D 1777 after being Legally warned to act on the several artickles contained in the Warrant for said meeting.

1 At said meeting William Young Esqr was chosen moderator

2 The Second article in the warrant was passed over as the Town in a former meeting had acted on an artickle Simmelar and Granted sufficient encouragement to such as should Inlist into the Continental army &c

3 On the third artickle voted that the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty six pounds two shilings & three pence two farthings be and hereby is Granted and that the said Sum be assessed upon the poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town in order to defray the Expence of the present war with Great Britain from the Commencement thereof to this time including the expence of hireing our present quota of men for filling up the Battallions of the Continental army, and that each man or person be allowed for all such public service as he may have done in the said war since the Commencement thereof

Voted that the afforesaid Granted sum be paid into the hands of M^{r}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer on or before the first Day of June next

Voted that all those Inhabitants of Worcester belonging to the south Parrish in S^{d} Town be & hereby are Exempted from paying any part of the afforesaid Granted sum

Voted that the Committee Chosen at a former meeting (viz) Capt Eben^{r}. Lovel Nathan Baldwin Josiah Peirce Ezekiel How Willm Young Esqr. Nathan Perry and John Kelso, be & hereby are impowered to Draw a sufficient sum of money out of the Towns money in the Hands of M^{r}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer, to pay the money they may have Borrowed or may have occasion to Borrow for the affores^{d} purpose and that they give orders to the Town Treasurer in favor of all such as have Done Service in the present war so that they may be allowed for the same

4 On the fourth artickle a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town would agre to have a Hospitall Erected in this Town & to carry on Innoculation in S^{d} Hospital for the small pox and the question was put and it passed in the Negative

At said meeting the Committee Chosen in march Last to inquire how much money there was in the Town Treasurers hands arrising

by fines, & in a former committees hands that they hired by order of the Town &c Reported that the sum in the S[d] Treasurer and Committees hands amounted to One hundred & thirty pounds Seven Shillings & eight pence two farthings

The foregoing votes was passed at S[d] meeting
att[t] W[m] Young moderator
Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin Town Clerk

Sutton april 23 1777—We the subscribers being appointed to Perambulate the Line between Sutton & Worcester have attended S[d] Buisness at time & place Begining at the Northwest Corner of Sutton & southwest Corner of Worcester have Renewed the Known Bounds on S[d] Line to the Corner at appletons Farm

Daniel Greenwood
Sam[l] Trask.

We the subscribers pursuant to an appointment of the select men of Worcester to Preambulate the line betwixt Worcester and Leicester have attended said service & began at the Norwest Corner of Worcester at a heap of stones on the Corner of David Moores Land and Renewed the bounds betwixt said Towns to the southeast Corner of Leicester to a heap of stones in a swamp on the Root of a hemlock tree—Worcester april 23 1777

Jon[a] Stone, Asa Moore } of Worcester

William Greene, Joseph Sergeant, Nathan Sergeant } of Leicester

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Oxford april 23 1777 We the Subscribers select men of Oxford met at time & place appointed and Renewed the Bounds Begining at the southwest Corner of Worcester to the Northwest Corner of Oxford and also to the Northwest Corner of Sutton

Ebenezer Learned, Ezra Bowman, Israel Phillips } Select men of Oxford

We the subscribers pursuant to the trust Reposed in us & by the Desire of the Select men of Worcester have met at the Corner next to Leicester and have prambulated the line and Renewed the Bounds between Worcester & Holden to Shrewsbury line

Holden april 23 1777 — David Fisk, Paul Raymond, John Child Junr } Select men of Holden

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These Certify that we Subscribers on the Day of the Date hereof met & preambulated the line and Renewed the Bounds betwen the Town of Worcester & Shrewsbury whereunto we have Interchangeably set our hands this 23rd day of April 1777

Edwd Flint, Charles Bouk } Comittee of Shrewsbury — Benjs Flagg, Josiah Peirce } Comittee of Worcester

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At a Town meeting Held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on Monday the 19th day of may A D 1777 after legal warning for said meeting to act on the artickles Contained in the Warrant for said meeting—A majority of the Select men of said Town being present at said meeting

1 On the first artickle Capt Ebenezer Lovel, Mr David Bigelow Doctr John Greene, & Mr Ezekiel How, was Chosen to Represent Sd Town in the General assembly the Currant Year

2 at said meeting Collol Timothy Bigelow was Chosen moderator

3 on the third artickle voted that the following sums of money be and hereby are Granted for the purposes hereafter mentioned (viz)

	To the Select men to Enable them to support the poore the Currant year and that they account to the Town how the same is expended	£20
4	To the Revd Thaddeus Mecarty for his present years Sallery	100
	To Doctr John Green for medecine & attendance to the widow Sarah Eaton	2 13 4

To the Select men to enable them to pay for Sweeping the meeting House and Ringing ye bell	3	
To Colo Timo Bigelow for his attendance on ye Congress in ye years 1774 & 1775	11	5
To Capt Palmer Goulding for Ringing the Bell	1	4

5 On the fifth artickle the Question was put to see if the Town would vote that the South Parrish in said [town] should be set off as a Distinct Town and it passed in the negative

6 On the sixth artickle Voted that Capt. Palmer Goulding Ring the Bell the Curt. year & that Mr. John Waters take Care of & Sweep the meeting House the Currant year

Then a motion was made to see if the Town would Give Instructions to their Representatives & the Question was put & it passed in the affirmative and the following persons was Chosen as a Committee to Draw up Instructions accordingly (and bring in the same to the Town for their acceptance &c at the adjournment of this meeting) viz Mr. Nathan Baldwin Coll Timothy Bigelow & Joshua Bigelow Esq.

At said meeting The Select men made the following Report Respecting the moneys belonging to this Town ariseing by the sale of ministerial Lands viz that the following sums of said Principle is now in the hands of the persons hereafter mentioned Namely in the hands of

David Sanderson	£50	0	0	David Thomas	£33	6	8
Ebenr Willington	13	6	8	Jno Taylor			
Palmer Goulding	35	17	10	Wm Young &c	42	13	4
Samll McCraken	40			Peter Boyden	33	6	8
David Bigelow	35	16	8	Ezekiel How	20		
Phinehas Ward	22	15	0	Saml Eaton	40		

The School money remains in the hands of
David Baldwin & others £83 6 8

The Sd Select men produced voucher that they had Recd. & payd the interest of Sd moneys to the Reverend Mr Mecarty The Town voted the Sd Select men be Discharged from Sd Interist money See ye Rect on file

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 26th day of this Instant at five OClock P M to meet at this place

Timothy Bigelow moderator

Entered from the originall ℔ Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 26th Day of may A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the 19th day of may Instant

Mr. Nathan Baldwin & Coll. Timothy Bigelow Brought in a Draft of Instructions to be Given to the Representatives of this Town, and after the Same being several times Read distinctly to the Town. The Question was put whether the same should be accepted and the Representatives served with a Coppy thereof, and it passed in the affirmative Nem con

Timo Bigelow moderator

Entered from ye Original Nathn Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 16th day of June A D 1777 after Legal warning for the same to act on the several artickles Contain[d] in the Warrant for said meeting

1 at said meeting Col. Timothy Bigelow was Chosen moderator

2 On the second artickle Voted that the sum of Twelve Hundred and forty seven pounds be and hereby is Granted to the Committee (chosen in march last) to be assessed upon the poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town) to Enable them to pay the Bounty to such soldiers as have Inlisted and shall inlist into the Continental army for three years or During the War and also to pay all such as have done service in the army for this Town since the Commencement of the present war with Great Britain

3 On the Third artickle Voted that the Select men for the time being do Execute a good Deed to Colo. Timothy Bigelow of a small Lot of Meadow land lying in Prospect meadow agreeable to

his petition & Timothy Paine Esq[r]s Request in Town meeting and that they Receive the money & Interest Due for the same and account to the Town therfor. Voted that the Town will Indemnify the Select men in giving a Deed as aforesaid

[Third article: "For the Town to Impower some person or persons to Execute a deed to Timothy Paine Esqr (or to such other person as he may Direct) of a certain small Lot of meadow land formerly sold to sd Paine"]

4 On the fourth artickle The Select men presented a list of the names of a number of persons whom they Esteemed Enemies & Dangerous to this and the other United States of america and a number of others was nominated in said meeting and said nominations seconded and by the votes of the Town their Names were aded to the list agreeable to a late act of the General assembly. The List of their Names is as Follows viz Nahum Willard, David Moore, Samuel Moore, Cornelius Stowell, Jacob Chamberlain, John Curtis, Gardner Chandler, Micah Johnson Joshua Johnson, William Curtis, Nathan Patch, Joseph Blair, John Barnerd, Palmer Goulding, Jacob Stevens, Joseph Clark & James Hart Jun[r].

Then The Town made Choice of M[r] William Dawes to Collect the Evidence against the before Named persons agreeable to the act of the General assembly on which this artickle in the Warrant is Founded

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Thirtieth day of June Instant at Three OClock after noon to meet at this place Tim[o] Bigelow Mode[r]

Entered from the Originall ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin T Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the thirtieth day of June A D 1777 by adjournment from the 16th day of June Instant Colo[l] Timothy Bigelow being moderator

5 On the fifth artickle in the Warrant for said meeting the question was put to see if the Town would Vote their Consent that the Inhabitants of the South parrish in Worcester should be set off into a Distinct Town and it passed in the Negative

6 On the sixth artickle a motion was made & Seconded to see if the Town would Choose persons agreeable to a late act of the General Court to Carry the act against monopoly &c into Execution (and the Town being informed by one of their Representatives that the said act was suspended for the present) and the question was put & it passed in the Negative

At said meeting two several motions was made and seconded that there be an adition made to the list of Enemical persons (voted at a former meeting) and the Town voted that the following persons Names be aded to said list (viz) Robert Crawford & Micah Johnson Junr

Then Voted that the Town Clerk be and hereby is Directed to Suspend making a Return of the Names of all those Enemical persons (untill he shall have the further Directions of the Town) Excepting Nahum Willard, David Moore, Samuel Moore, John Curtis, William Curtis, Micah Johnson Johnson Junr & Robert Crawford

The foregoing votes was passed at S^{d} meeting

Tim^{o} Bigelow moderator

Entered from the Originall ℔ Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Legally warned & held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 21st day of July 1777

at said meeting Colo^{l} Timothy Bigelow was Chosen moderator

1 Voted that the Town provide One Hundred fire arms with Bayonets for the Use of the militia of said Town

2 Voted that a Committee Consisting of three persons be chose to procure said arms & Bayonets

3 Voted that Samuel Curtis Esqr M^{r}. William Dawes & m^{r}. William Johnson be the Committee

4 Voted that the afore said Committee be Directed to Petition the Honble the Councel of this State for the arms above said or apply to the Board of war

5 Voted that the Committee be Directed by the Town to borrow moneys sufficient to procure said arms

6 Voted that when the Committee have provided said arms they acquaint Colo[l] Flagg who is to Call upon the Captains of the militia of said Town to Call their Companies together at which time the aforesaid Committee are to Deliver the arms to such of said militia as are Destitute they paying therefor

7 Voted that the Select men be Directed to order the Cannon to be Returned that were Lent to the Town of Glocester

Voted that the Committee Chose to procure arms be Directed to borrow money sufficient to provide half a pound of powder for Each one of the militia as ordered by the Great & General Court of this state and aply to the Select men for an order for the same

attest Timothy Bigelow moderator

Entered from the originall att[e] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 13th day of October A D 1777 after Legal Warning for to act on the several artickls Contained in the Warrant for said meeting

1 at said meeting Sam[l] Curtis Esq[r] was Chosen moderator

att[e] Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

2 On the second artickle voted that the sum of fifteen pounds be & hereby is Granted to the Select men in adition to the Grant made in may last to Enable them to support the poor of this Town the Currant Year, they to be accountable to the Town for y[e] same

£15 0

on the S[d] Second artickle the following sums was Granted for the following purposes viz

To Mr. William Taylor for y[e] abatement of Thos Nichols Rates	9	6
To Capt Israel Jennison for arrears of Interest money	2	5
To Saml Curtis Esqr. for Interest money	3	7
To Solomon Bixby for 100 of plank for Kettle brook bridge	0	5
To Nathan Perry & Benja Stowell for Repairing y[e] fence round y[e] Burying Yard	0	12

3 on the the Third artickle Voted that the money Granted at this & all former meetings of this Town the Currant Year (Except the money Granted to augment the Soldiers Bounty &c and the Rev^{d} m^{r}. Mecartys sallery & pay for Ringing the Bell) be assessed in one Tax

4 on the fourth artickle Voted that one half of the before Granted monies be paid into the Town Treasurer the first day of January next and the other half of said money be paid into the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of march next

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the tenth day of November next at one OClock P M to meet at this place

The foregoing votes were passed at S^{d} meeting

Saml Curtis moderator

Entered from the Original attst Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

At a public Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester on monday the 10th day of November A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the 13th day of October A D 1777 Saml Curtis Esqr being Moderator at [said] meeting

Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to monday the 17 day of November Instant at two OClock P M to meet at this place att^{t} Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

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At a Public Town meeting held at the public meeting house in Worcester on monday the 13th day of Octo^{r}. A D 1777 and Continued by several adjournments to monday the 17th day of Novr. 1777 the Town then met agreeable to adjournment and Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to monday the 24th day of November Instant at Twelve OClock at noon to meet at this place

att^{t} Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Public Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 24th day of November 1777 by adjournment from monday ye 17th day of Novr Instant

Voted that the following Sums of money be & hereby are Granted for the purposes hereafter mentioned viz

additional Grant to the Revd mr. Mecartys Sallery for ye Curt. Year	£100 0
To Oliver Curtis for Timber for a Bridge	2 5 8

On the Eighth artickle the Question was put whether the Town would make a further Grant to mr. Willm Taylor for Collecting the Taxes the Currant Year and it passed in the Negative

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Saml Curtis moderator

Entered from the Original Nathn Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 10th day of November A D 1777 after Legal Warning for the same, to act on the several artickles Contained in the Warrant for said meeting

on the first artickle Mr David Bigelow was Chosen moderator of Sd meeting att Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

On the second article Voted that the Town will Raise money for the remaining Eight men to make up this Towns Quota of men to serve in the Continental army voted that the sum of Twenty pounds be and hereby is Granted to Each of the Sd Eight men

On the third article[1] voted to Choose a Committee to Confer with the Town of Sutton (agreeable to their Request in a letter which see upon file in the Town papers) voted that the said Committee Consist of three persons Namely Joshua Bigelow Esqr Capt Edward Crafts & Capt Joshua Whitney

On the fourth artickle[2] Voted to Reconsider the vote of the Town

[1] Third article: "For the Town to take under their Consideration the Request of the Town of Sutton as allso of the Petitioners Respecting a late act of the General Court of this State Respecting the Calling in the Bills of Credit of this state and to act thereon as they may think proper"

[2] Fourth article: "For the Town to take under under their Consideration the Petition of Jacob Hemingway and sixteen others setting forth their un-

upon the Report of the Committee appointed by the Town to make an Estimate of the Expenses incured by the Present War and making an average of the same——Voted to set aside the assessments of Taxes lately made including the average money aboves[d] Refered to

Voted to Choose a Committee to inquire into the appropriation that has been made of the several monies that have at Divers times Come to the hands of the Select men & the several Committees of Correspondence &c of said Town by fines and other payments

Voted that the S[d] Committee Consist of five persons (viz) Joshua Bigelow Esq[r]., Cap[t] Eben[r]. Lovel, Doct[r] John Greene Cap[t] Edw[d] Crafts and M[r] William Stearns.

Voted that the said Committee be impowered to inquire for three years last past

Voted that the said Committee be impowered to inquire of all persons that have paid, or that have Received any of the said monies

Voted that the aforesaid Committee inquire of the Select men Relative to their Disposal of the salt allowed to this Town by the State & of the manner of their Distribution of said salt.

Voted that the aforesaid Committee be impowered to inquire into the state of the powder and Dispose of the same

On the fifth article Voted to Choose a Committee to Draw up an answer to the General Court Respecting the precinct lately Erected out of Worcester, Leicester, Oxford, and Sutton, being set off into a Distinct Town, and lay the same before the Town for acceptance or amendment at the adjournment of this meeting, and that the S[d] Committee Consist of three persons (viz) Mess[rs] Nathan Baldwin, Nathan Perry & David Bigelow

Then voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 17th day of November instant at one OClock P M to meet at this place

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easiness with the Doings of the Town in several late meetings of said Town Relative to making an average of the Expense incured by the present war and to do and act on said Petition and the several artickles therein Contained as they shall think proper"

This petition comprised the matters acted upon under the fourth article.

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 17th day of Novr. A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the 10th day of Novr. Instant.

The Committee Chosen at the last meeting to draw up an answer to the General Court Respecting the precinct lately Erected out of Worcester, Leicester, &c &c Reported to the Town, an answer to the General Court which Report was accepted and is as follows (viz) David Bigelow moderr

The Town of Worcester Having been served with a Coppy of the Petition of William Phips & Charles Richardson praying "the present members of the Precinct lately Erected out of Worcester, Leicester, Oxford, & Sutton may be incorporated into a Town, according to a plan Exhibited with said petition &c. and the Honble General assemblys Resolve Thereon, of the 24th day of Octr. last, Requireing the said Towns to shew Cause, if any they have, on the third Wednesday of the next Session of the Sd Court why the prayer of Sd petition should not be Granted"

The Town of Worcester, in answer to Sd Petition and Order of Court, beg leave to say, that they have not been served with a plan of said Town Exhibited with said Petition to the Court, and therefore are not in a Capacity to offer Reasons against, or to comply with it untill they know how far it Extends. But if the said plan Does not include any of those persons nor their Estates which belong to the Town of Worcester, and which were Excepted from being set off to said precinct when it was first Erected. We have no objections to their being made a Distinct Town. But if said plann includes those persons and their Estates who were first Exempted from belonging to said precinct, and are still unwilling to be set off to said Town. We beg leave to say we think it would be Inconsistent to include a Number of persons & their Estates into the said New Town and still Continue them to belong to the Town of Worcester, and to include them in the plann aforesaid & set them off against their Consent & the Consent of this Town, is departing from the principles upon which the said precinct was at first Erected, and will subject the said persons to an inconvenience that they had a right to Expect an Exemption from by the act of

the General assembly & as the said persons who were first Exempted from belonging to S^{d} Precinct and who are still unwilling to be set off to S^{d} new Town and their Estates all lay upon the side of S^{d} new Town next to Worcester, this Town are humbly of Opinion that a line may be run between the Town of Worcester & the S^{d} new Town Leaving the S^{d} persons & their Estates to the Town of Worcester without any Inconveniency to Either of the said Towns. which if Complied with the Town of Worcester are Content

Nath^{n} Baldwin
Nathan Perry } Comittee
David Bigelow

Then the Town Voted that this meeting be Dissolved

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nath^{n} Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 24th Day of November A D 1777 after Legal Warning for the same to act on the several articles Contained in the Warrant for S^{d} meeting

On the first article M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen moderator of S^{d} meeting att^{e} Nath^{n}. Baldwin Town Clerk

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the first Day of Decem^{r} next at one of the Clock afternoon to meet at this place

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At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the first Day of Decr A D 1777 by adjournment from monday the twenty fourth day of Novem^{r}. last M^{r}. David Bigelow being moderator

at said meeting a motion was made & Seconded to see if the Town would take under their Consideration the Petition of Capt. John Curtis & Others & act thereon and the question was put and it passed in the affirmative

Then Voted to Receive Capt John Curtis, Nahum Willard, David Moore, Samuel Moore, and Micah Johnson Junr. into the Towns favor and that further prosecution against them, as Enemies

to the United States of america shall sease, they paying the Costs that has arrisen already by means of their being prosecuted as Enemies to the United States, agreeable to their petition, (which see upon file with the Town papers)

David Bigelow moderator

Entered from the originall ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 29th day of December A D 1777 after Legal Warning for the same to act on the several articles Contained in the Warrant for S[d] meeting

at said meeting M[r]. David Bigelow was Chosen moderator

on the second article voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to take Care of the families of such soldiers (belonging to this Town) as are in the Continental army, agreeable to a late Resolve of the General assembly of this State for that purpose.

Voted that Mess[rs]. William Dawes, Samuel Brown, and Asa Ward be a Committee for that purpose.

On the third article Voted that in Case no person appears to hire the money in the hands of the Select men, belonging to this Town, which arose by the sale of ministerial land, that they be Directed to put the same into the Treasuryof this State upon loan

On the fourth artickle Voted that the select men be directed to imploy some person, to run into musket bullets a Quantity of lead belonging to y[e] Town Stock

On the fifth article Voted that the meeting House bell be Rang at the usual times at the Expence of the Town

David Bigelow moderator

Entered from y[e] Original ℔ Nath[n] Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the public meeting House in Worcester on monday y[e] 12th day of Jan[y] A D 1778 after legal Warning for the same to act on the several articles Contained in the Warrant.

at said meeting M^r^. David Bigelow was Chosen moderator

On the Second article Voted Unanimously that the Confederation agreed upon by the United States in General Congress assembled, is agreeable to the minds of the people of this Town

On the third article Voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to take Care of the School lands belonging to this Town & Voted That M^r^. Thomas Wheeler, Joshua Bigelow Esqr. and M^r^. Jonathan Gates be a Committee for said purpose.

Voted that the Rev^d^ M^r^. Mecarty have Liberty to Cut & bring off from the said School land 15 loads of wood.

The above Committee is directed to see that no strip or waste of Wood be made on S^d^ lands nor any wood Cut thereon Except what is voted to M^r^. Mecarty.

David Bigelow moderator

Entered from the Originall ℔ Nath^n^ Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the second Day of February A D 1778 after legal Warning for the same to act on the Several articles in the Warrant for S^d^ meeting

at said meeting Benjamin Flagg Esqr. was Chosen Moderator

On the second article Voted to Choose two persons as agents for this Town to meet the Committee appointed by the General Court of this State to view the Parrish Lately Erected out of the Towns of Worcester Leicester Oxford and Sutton (and if they the said Committee shall Judge that S^d^ Parrish ought to be Erected into a Town Then to fix the lines & Boundaries by which said Town shall be Incircled &c) to Confer with ye said Committee in behalf of the Town of Worcester Relative to the premises.

Then Voted that M^r^. Nathan Perry and William Young Esqr be agents for said purpose

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

Benj^a^ Flagg moderator

Entered from the Original ℔ Nath^n^ Baldwin Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Public meeting House in Worcester on monday the 23rd day of February A D 1778 after Legal Warning for the same to act on the articles Contained in the Warrant for Sd meeting

at said meeting Colol Benja Flagg was Chosen Moderator

On the Second artickle in the Warrant, at said meeting a motion was made & seconded to see if the Town will Petition & Remonstrate against the proceedings of Sd Committeea (mentioned in the second article in the Warrant) Establishment of lines Round the Parrish Taken out of the Towns of Worcester Leicester Oxford & Sutton, and the Question was put & passed in the affirmative

Then Voted to Choose a Committee of Three persons to Draw a Petition & Remonstrance and Bring in their Report at the adjournment of this meeting Then the Town made Choice of the Honble. Levi Lincoln Esqr William Young Esqr. and Capt Nathan Perry a Committee for Sd purpose Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned for one quarter of an hour

Then mett according [to] adjournment and the aforesaid Committee made Report (which see on the file) and said report was accepted. Then Voted that the Honble Levi Lincoln attend the General [Court] & prefer the Sd Petition & Remonstrance to Sd Court. Then Voted that this meeting be Desolved

The foregoing Votes was passed at Sd meeting

attt Benja Flagg moderator

Entered from the Origonal ℔ Nathn Baldwin Town Clerk

At a public Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the Second Day of March A D 1778, to act on the Several Articles in the Warrant

At Said Meeting Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Attest Nathan Baldwin Town Clerk

Then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the ninth Day of this Instant at nine OClock in the forenoon to meet at this place

Monday March 9th 1778 Met agreeable to adjournment and on the Second article in the Warrant made choice of

Joshua Bigelow Esqr. Capt Ebenezer Lovel Robert Smith William Stearns Nathaniel Brooks Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor

Sworn William Stearns Town Clerk

Sworn Dr. John Green Town Treasurer

Third article out of place / 15 £ Grant — William Taylor Collector of Taxes and Granted 15 pounds to pay him for said service

Samuel Curtis Esqr Samuel Brown James Moore assessors declined Serving

Daniel Bigelow Joseph Barber Nathaniel Heywood Committee of Correspondence

Sworn Joseph Ball
Sworn William Johnson } Constables

Samuel McCraken Sealer of Leather

Samuel Bridge Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the Market

Samuel Fullerton David Bigelow Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

Samuel Clark David Chadwick John Barnard Ezra Cary John Elder Josiah flagg Ephm Miller James Moore Thomas Wheeler Benja Stowel Thomas Nichols Joseph Barber Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of Highway Taxes

Levi Houghton Joshua Whitney fence viewers

Solomon Bixby Joseph Ball Jonathan Rice Tithingmen

Francis Cutting Reuben Rice Deer Reeves

Samuel Whitney Jonathan Osland Field Drivers

Ebenr Barber Charles Adams Eli Chapin Phinehas Gleason Josiah Flagg John Welsh Wm Buxton William Quigley Ezra Jones John More Hog Reeves

A County Treasurer voted for

On the 5th article voted that Samuel Curtis Esqr Saml Bridge Leuil Josiah Peirce Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

On the fourth Article voted That those Quarters of the Town which have not Expended their Quota of moneys granted for

Schooling the Last year be allowed to Expend the Same the Current year

Voted that the sum of Four hundred & fifty pounds be granted levied and assessed upon the poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be appropriated to keep the public & Town Roads in Repair the Current year

Voted, That the Inhabitants of this Town have the Liberty of Working out their Taxes aforesaid, at the price of twelve Shillings per Day for a man & in the like Proportion for Teams and Implements, Provided said Tax shall be worked out Before the Last Day of June next

Voted, that the Swine may go at large the Current year, they being Lawfully yoked and ringed

Voted that the Selectmen be discharged from any Demands for the Interest money ariseing by the Sale of the Ministerial Lands to November 1, 1777

On the Report of the Committee[1] mentioned in the Last article in the warrant Voted that the first paragraph of said Report be accepted

Then a motion was made & Seconded to see if the Town would accept of the whole of said Report and the Question was put

Then voted that the Last vote be reconsidered & that the said Report be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to be further acted upon at the adjournment of this meeting

Then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the Last monday of this Instant at One of the Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place, and said meeting is accordingly adjourned

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At a Town Meeting held at the Public Meeting House in Worcester By adjournment from monday March 9th 1778, to the last monday of said March, Samuel Curtis Esqr being Moderator

[1] Appointed to inquire into the appropriation of monies, &c. See page 306.

On the 4th article respecting the School in Said Town Voted that the School be kept in the Same manner as in the Last year

Voted that the Sum of two hundred pounds be granted raised and assessed for the Support of the Grammar School the Current year

Voted that Mr. Samuel Bridge be a Committee to provide a Grammar School Master in the Middle of the Town

Voted that Solomon Bixby Jonathan Phillips William Mcfarland Josiah Harrington Junr Capt Joshua Whitney Thomas Knight Deacon Saml Miller Samuel Curtis Esqr Lt Josiah Peirce John Moore & Thaddeus Bigelow be a Committee to Provide English School masters in the Several Quarters of the Town

On the Eleventh article[1] in Said Warrant Voted not to accept the Report in Said Article Refered to

Then Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the 13th of April next at One O'Clock in the after noon then to Meet at this Place

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At a public Town Meeting Held at the Meeting house in Worcester by adjournment from the last monday in March A. D 1778 to Monday the 13th. of April then next

All the first assessors chosen the first Day of this Meeting Refusing to Serve in their office, Voted to Choose others in their Room

Then Chose John Cunningham Edward Craft James More assessors for the Current year

Two of them declined Serving

Upon Motion to take up & act further on the Second article in the Warrant Voted to add two to the Number of the Committee of Correspondence

Then Chose Jonathan Rice Capt William Dana To be with others at this meeting before chosen a Committee of Correspondence for the Current year

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[1] See note, page 313.

On Motion Voted to reconsider the vote for not accepting the Report in the Eleventh Article in the Warrant

Voted that Said Report be considered Paragraph by Paragraph

Voted to accept the first Paragraph in Said Report and the Second

Voted to accept the third Parapraph—Which said paragraphs are in the words following Viz:

Worcester March 7th 1778

We the Subscribers appointed in November last a Committee to enquire into the appropriation that has been made of the Several Monies that have at diverse times Come to the hands of the Select men, & Several Committees &c for three years Last past, & to enquire of all persons that have paid or Received any of Said Monies—to Enquire of the Select men Relative to their Disposal of the Salt allowed to this Town by the State and to enquire into the State of the towns powder and dispose of the same Have attended that Service & beg leave to Report as follows, namely

That your Committee after Diligent Enquiry find that since the Beginning of November Anno Domini 1776 the Sum of £605 - 4 has Come to the hands of Mr. Nathan perry One of the Select men and Town Treasurer, & to the Hands of the Committee of Correspondence as appears to us by Receipts & other Sufficient vouchers —That the money which Came to the Hands of the Committee of Correspondence &c has been paid to the Town Treasurer

What other Sums of Public money have within the limits of the time for our Enquiry been paid To the Select men & Town Treasurer is to your Committee unknown as we have had no information in this Respect, though we have often Requested it, and whereas your Committee have often Desired the Select men & town treasurer to give them an explicit account in what manner said moneys have been appropriated, in order that they (your Committee) might be enabled to give Satisfactory information to the Town in this behalf, yet such account has always been Refused, So that your Committee apprehend that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer deem them selves not accountable to your committee or to the Town;

and that there is a considerable Quantity of money Raised by fines and otherwise, still in the hands of the Town Treasurer & Selectmen, as by the Best Intelligence that can be obtained, Sixteen Soldiers, or more in the Continental Service for this Town, have not as yet Received any of the Towns money, exclusive of those eight men last raised by a Draft for that purpose

The Question being put whether the Town accept of the next paragraph in the Report & in passed in the negative

The Question being put whether the Town will accept of the Paragraph in the Report Relating to the Salt, & voted to accept it which is as follows viz :

With Respect to the Salt allowed to this Town by the State your Committee Beg leave to exhibit the following account. That the Selectmen Engrossed to them selves the Business of Transporting Said Salt from Boston & have Charged Such Sums Per Bush as must amount to nearly 130 Dollars above the original Cost of Said Salt—That so far as your Committee can discover said salt was distributed to a part of the Inhabitants of the Town in very unequal and undue Proportions, That numbers of People living without the limits of the Town received large Portions & that numbers of the Inhabitants equally or more in need of Salt, & equally entitled to a Share, have Received none—The Select men having never given any Sufficient public notice of their having procured Said Salt—That two of those who undertook to distribute Said Salt have never Rendered any account of their Doings to your Committee & that the Distribution made by those who have Rendered an account is Contrary to the meaning & Spirit of the Resolve. & to the concurrent Practice of all the Towns whose distributions of Public Salt have come to the knowledge of your Committee upon Diligent Enquiry, And your Committee hereupon Submit it to the Consideration of the Town, whether they will pass an Order that some method Shall be pursued to enable those who have been deprived of their Share of Said Salt, to recover their Just Proportion agreeable to the Intention of the General Court in allowing the Same

Voted not to accept the last Paragraph in Said Report

The whole Report Signed by Joshua Bigelow Ebenezer Lovel Edward Crafts & William Stearns, Committee

Then voted to Dissolve this Meeting which was accordingly Dissolved

Entered from the Original minutes

Wm Stearns Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the town of Worcester above the age of twenty one years & free, at the public Meeting House in said Town being duly warn'd & there held on the 13th Day of April A. D. 1778 At Ten o'Clock in the forenoon, to act on the Articles Contained in the warrant

On the first article Chose Doctor John Greene Moderator

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Voted to adjourn Said Meeting till 4 o'Clock in the afternoon of the same Day——Then met according to adjournment——Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Second monday of May next at one o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place & said Meeting is accordingly adjourned

Monday May 11th 1778. Met according to adjournment.

Then voted that there be a further adjournment of this Meeting to Tuesday the 19th Day of this Instant May at one O'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Tuesday May 19th. 1778. Met according to adjournment

The Town Proceeded to act on the Second article in the Warrant—and there being 58 voters present of the said Inhabitants, The Question was put whether they approve of the said Constitution[1] or form of Government; and nine voters voted in the affirmative to accept the same—And forty nine of said Inhabitants Present voted not to accept of the Said Constitution or form of Government

Then voted to dissolve the meeting

The foregoing votes were passed in said Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

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[1] Of Massachusetts.

At a public Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester duly warned and assembled, and qualified to vote for a Representative and in Town affairs, held at the Meeting House in Said Town on the nineteenth Day of May A D. 1778 at nine o'Clock in the forenoon as by Warrant Directed

All the Selectmen being Present, Voted, to adjourn the said Meeting to One O'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day to meet at the same Place

Tuesday May 19th 1778, Met according to the Above adjournment The Town Proceeded to act on the first article in the Warrant—And the Question being put "whether the Town will Elect and depute one or More Representatives, and it passed in the affirmative

The Question being put "How many Representatives the Town will depute—and voted to Choose one Representative only Then the Town made Choice of Samuel Curtis Esqr a Representative for this Town the Current year

On the 2nd Article, Chose Samuel Curtis Esqr Moderator

On the 3d Article, Voted that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be, & hereby is granted to the Revd Mr. Maccarty for his Salary for the Present Year

On the 4th Article Voted not to Sell the Land[1] in Said Article referred to

On the 5th Article voted that Mr. Nathan Baldwin, Mr. David Bigelow, & Mr Nathan Perry be a Committee to Receive and Examine the accounts of Such articles of Cloathing as have been Procured agreeable to said Recommendation, & lay the same before the Town properly adjusted at their next meeting, and that the further Consideration of this Article be adjourned to the first monday in June Next at one o'Clock afternoon

On the 6th Article[2] voted upon the Representation made by Mr David Thomas, that he be allowed the Sum of five Pounds in that Behalf

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[1] "The School Lot lying on & near Wigwam Hill."

[2] Sixth article: "To See if the Town will make any allowance to Mr David Thomas for his Extraordinary Expenses in transporting and conveying Cloathing to the Continental Army in the Winter Past."

On the 7th Article voted that the Select men be impowered to hire & pay a Proper Person to take care of the Meeting House & Ring the Bell for the Present year

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first monday in June next at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place And it is accordingly adjourned

Monday June 1st. 1778. Met according to the above adjournment Then the Committee Chosen under the fifth article in the warrant Brought in their Report—Then voted to postpone the Consideration of the Report of the aforesaid Committee to the next Town meeting and that an article be inserted for this Purpose in the warrant for Calling Such Meeting

Then voted that this Meeting be dissolved, and it is dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were Passed at Said Meeting
Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs duly warned, & assembled at the public meeting House in Said Town on Tuesday the nineteenth Day of May 1778 at three O'Clock in the after noon, to act on the Several articles contained in the warrant for said Meeting

At Said Meeting Samuel Curtis Esqr was Chosen Moderator
Attest William Stearns Town Cler

On the Second article Voted That Doctor John Green have the Liberty to procure a Pest House for the taking in those who have the Small Pox in the natural way, and for Inoculation, for the space of one year to be under the Direction of the Selectmen

Doctor Green then Moved that he might inoculate for the Small pox in his own house?—But after the Motion was Seconded withdrew it

The Question being moved & put whether the Town would make

any addition to m[r] Crosby's wages, and it passed in the Negative[1]

On the fourth article Voted that the Steel in said Article Referred to, be sold, & that the Selectmen Sell the Same, & account to the Town at their next meeting

On the fifth Article voted to accept the account of the Committee[2] in Said article Referred to, & that they be allowed the Sum of Thirty Eight pounds fifteen Shillings & Seven pence, it being the Ballance due to said Committee as by acc[t]. filed and allowed by the Town will appear

Ballance due to William Dawes	£10	10	5
To Samuel Browne	18	05	5
To Asa Ward	9	19	9

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of June next at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place, and it is accordingly adjourned

Entered from the Original Minutes

℔[r] W[m] Stearns Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the first Day of June A. D. 1778, by adjournment from Tuesday the nineteenth Day of May 1778

The Town Took into further Consideration the Second article in the Warrant, and

Voted that D[r]. John Green have liberty to use D[r]. Will[m] Walkers house as a pest House, to take those who have the Small pox in the Natural Way and for Inoculation for twelve months, to be under the Direction of the Selectmen Provided the Town be thereby Subjected to no Charge, Provided also that Dr Green obtain the Licence of the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden in this County

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[1] Article third: "To See if the Town will make any addition to the Wages of Mr Samuel Crosby for his Past Services, in Consideration of the disproportion there is between his pay granted by the Town & the Prices of the Necessaries of Life."

[2] "Chosen to take care of the poor Women in this Town whose husbands are in the Public Service."

Voted, That it is the sense of this Town that Dr Green be directed to call in all his Patients, that are under Inoculation, if any such there are, into the Said Pest House, And it is expected by the Town that Dr Green Strictly Complies with the vote of the Town as this Day amended, respecting the Same, under the Penalties of the Law in such Case Made and Provided—And that the Selectmen Serve Dr. Green with a Copy of the above votes

Then voted to Dissolve the Meeting which was dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the public Meeting house in Worcester, after legal Warning had for that purpose, on monday the first Day of June Anno Domini 1778 at three o'Clock in the afternoon

1 At said meeting Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

2 On the Second article in the Warrant the town Brought in their votes for a County Treasurer

3 On the Third article, the Town took into Consideration the petition of Saml Clark, Noah Jones & others, and the Question being put whether the Town would order the Expense of Raising men for the public Service as Set forth & Requested in Said Petition, to be defreyed by a Tax, It passed in the Negative

Then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the fifteenth Day of June 1778 at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place, and it was adjourned accordingly

Monday June 15th 1778 Met according to the above adjournment, and without acting anything further on the articles Contained in the Warrant voted to Dissolve this meeting, & it was dissolved accordingly David Bigelow Moderator

Entered from the Original Minutes

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Town Meeting legally Warned and held at the public Meeting House in Worcester on Monday the twenty Sixth Day of October A. D. 1778 by the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs to act on the articles contained in the Warrant for said Meeting

On the first article Chose Mr William Stearns Moderator

On the 2nd article[1] voted to postpone the Consideration of said article till the other articles are acted upon

On the 3^d^. article voted that all the Money in Said article Referred to Except the Ministers Salary be levied and assessed in one Tax

On the 4th article voted that the powder house be sold Voted that the Selectmen Be a Committee to Make Sale of the Powder house for the Most the same Will fetch

On the 5th article voted to receive & examine the accounts of any of the Inhabitants of the Town——Voted that the accounts Exhibited be Read——On motion Voted that Said accounts be committed to a Committee for Examination—— Voted that the Committee Consist of three persons

Voted that Timothy Paine Esqr. M^r^. David Bigelow & Mr Jonathan Rice be a Committee to examine the accounts now Exhibited & Read, with the vouchers, & Report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourn'd to monday the ninth Day of November next at one o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place and it is accordingly adjourned

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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Monday November 9th 1778 Met according to the above adjournment

On the Sixth Article voted to appoint a Committee to adjust the Amount of the value of the Shirts Stockings Shoes & other Cloathing

[1] To grant money for common charges.

& money given as in the article Referred to, and that the Committee make Report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that Said Committee Consist of three Persons

Voted that M^r. John Cunningham, Mr John Nazro, & Deacon Miller be a Committee for the aforesaid purpose

On the 7th Article,[1] voted that Mr John Nazro, Mr Nathan Perry & Capt Israel Jennison be a Committee to Collect & receive subscriptions for the Revd Mr Maccarty

On the 8th article voted to pay M^r. Knight Six Shillings p^r. week from the 7th of April 1777 to the 7th of April 1778, for boarding the Widow Sarah Eaton—Voted to pay Mr Knight twenty pounds for twenty weeks Board of the Widow Eaton from & after the Said Seventh of April 1778

On the 9th Article voted that Joshua Bigelow Esqr, Samuel Curtis Esqr & William Stearns be a Committee to make the further Enquiry in the article referred to, and to Enquire of all persons who have any of the Towns money in their hands, & to make Report to the Town

On the 10th Art^le voted that Joshua Bigelow Esqr Timothy Paine Esqr & William Young Esqr be a Committee to Renew the Bounds of the lands[2] in said article referred to

On the 12th article voted that Capt William Dana be a Committee to Repair the fences Round the Burying ground, & to procure a new Gate

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of this Instant November at one o'Clock in the after noon to meet at this place, And it is accordingly adjourned

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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[1] "Art. 7th For the Town to take into their Consideration the great advance of the prices of the articles of Common Consumption Since last Spring and make further Provision for the Support & Subsistence of the Revd Mr. Maccarty the Rest of the Current year, agreeable to his Request & to act thereon as the Town shall think proper."

[2] School and ministerial lands.

Wednesday November 18th

Met according to the aforesaid Adjournment

The Committee appointed on the fifth article in the Warrant to examine the accounts Exhibited & Read to the Town made Report in favor of allowance of the following Sums to the following Persons, & accordingly voted & granted each of the Sums following to the Persons whose Names are prefixed to them Viz :—

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To William Young Esqr Josiah Peirce, Nathan Perry & John Kelso for money borrowed by them to pay Soldiers enlisted for the Town. in the Continental Army	660	12	10
To Mr. Asa Ward for Supplying Mrs Knower with Provisions	31	10	2½
To Mr William Dawes for Supplying Mrs Dunkam with Provns	43	11	9
To Doctr William Walker for Medicine & attendce on Margaret Miles	11	4	7
To Same for Physick & visits to Mr Pages son when Sick of the Small pox	10	15	3¼
To Levi Lincoln Esqr for his Services Last march at Boston	10	12	6
To Mr Nathan Perry for his Services in attending the Courts Comtee & at Boston last February, & for Boarding Tamison Kimbolton & Money paid Scipio for Ringing the Bell	5	19	0
To Josiah Knight for Wood	6	14	0
To Eleanor Walker for Nursing Mary Hamilton	5	02	0
To Mr. David Chaddick for Wood Carried to the Widow Oaks	3	12	0
To Capt Micah Johnson for 375 feet of Plank	11	00	0
To Nathl Heywood for mending the Bell Tongue & Meeting house Door	1	10	0
To Jonathan Rice for Taking Care of Temison Kimbolton 3 Weeks	7	10	0

Then the Town voted to allow the following Sums & Made the following Grants to the Persons hereafter named, on their accounts bro't into the Meeting Viz :

To Doctr Bussel of Leicester for Medicines & Care of Mrs Hamilton & her Daughter Mary when sick of the Small Pox	16	5	0
To William Johnson for Conveying Tamison Kimbolton & her Child to Marlboro.	6	3	0

To William Mahan for Carrying Mrs Hamilton & her Daughter to Leicester & bringing them home again	1	0	0
To Martha Wiley for Board & Nursing Margaret Miles 52 Weeks	36	8	0
To Mr Nathan Perry, an allowance for a Counterfeit Bill	2	8	0
To Leiut Josiah Peirce for a Counterfeit Bill	2	8	0
To Mr William Johnson for Sundrys for the Meeting House	1	1	0
To Leiut Benjamin Stowel for Boarding Tamison Kimbolton & her Child & Making 166 lb of Musquet Balls for the Town	14	5	4
To Mr Jabob Hemenway for assisting in the Removal of Mary Hamilton & her mother to Leicester & Bringing them Home again	1	00	0
To Mr William Elder for Boarding Tamison Kimbolton & Child 10 weeks & 3 Days	6	06	0
To Ezra Jones for a Horse & Chaise to Leicester	0	13	6
To Capt David Henshaw for taking Care of Mrs Hambleton & her Daughter	13	4	0
To Saml Fullerton for Removing pages son sick of the small pox	0	10	0
Then the Committee appointed under the Sixth article in the Warrant for adjusting the value of the Cloathing money &c there mentioned reported that the amount of all that had Come to their knowledge is 321,, 14,, 0, as by the Report on file may more fully appear	£321	14	0

Voted to accept the Report of the Said Committee

Voted that the assessors have liberty to add to the above Sum all Such Donations as shall before making the Taxes, be made to appear by proper vouchers

4 4 0
To Robert Smith for two Shirts
0 18 0
To Mr John Fisk

Voted that the above sum & the other Sums Refer'd to next above be levied & assessed upon the poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town

Then the Town Resumed the Consideration of the Seventh article & voted the additional Sum of three hundred pounds to the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Maccarty for the Currant year

Then the Town took into Consideration the second article in the Warrant, & voted the Sum of one hundred Pounds to defrey the Common and ordinary Charges of this Town the Current year

Then voted to dissolve this Meeting & it was Dissolved accordingly The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Moderator & Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting Legally warned & held at the public Meeting house in Worcester on monday the first Day of February A. D. 1779 by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to act on the articles contained in the Warrant for Said Meeting

On the first article chose Mr William Stearns Moderator of said Meeting

On the Second article,[1] voted not to act thereon but to Dismiss the Same

On the third article, voted that the additional Sum of three Pounds be granted to Capt David Henshaw for his Charges in Entertaining Mary Hamilton &c & boarding Nurses &c

Then voted to Dissolve this Meeting, & it was Dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at Said Meeting
Attest Willm Stearns Moderator & Town Cler

At a Town meeting Legally Warned according to the within Warrant held on the eighth Day of March, A. D. 1779 at ten o'Clock in the forenoon at the public meeting House in Said Town of Worcester to act on the Several articles contained in Said Warrant

On the first article, Chose Mr David Bigelow Moderator of S^{d}. Meeting Attest William Stearns Town Cler

2nd Ar^{t} William Stearns Mr David Bigelow Capt Eben^{r} Lovel Mr Robert Smith Mr Nathl Brooks Selectmen & overseers of the Poor

William Stearns Town Clerk

D^{r}. John Green Town Treasurer

Deacon Jacob Chamberlain & L^{t}. Nathan Perry Wardens

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[1] "To know the minds of the Town, whether they will grant any sum of Money for the Relief of those persons who are in the Continental army &c."

Messrs Joseph Barber Nath[l] Heywood Jonathan Rice William Dana Jonathan Phillips Committee of Correspondence Inspection &c

Nathan Heard, Sealer of leather

Sam[l] Bridge Ephraim Curtis Clerks of the Market

Samuel Fullerton David Bigelow Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

William Dana David Chaddick William Mahan John Elder Jonathan Lovel James M[c]Farland Lemuel Rice Jacob Holmes Nath[l] Moore John Chamberlain Jonathan Gleason Surveyors of Highways & Collectors of Highway Taxes

Levi Houghton Cap[t] Joshua Whitney Fence viewers

Solomon Bixbee Benjamin Stowel James Barber Tythingmen

Samuel Clark Samuel Goddard Deer Reeves

Samuel Whitney Samuel Bridge Field Drivers

Ebenezer Barber Edward Knight John Elder Jonathan Osland William Trowbridge Solomon Smith Ellis. G. Blake Sam[l] Hemmenway Solomon Willard John Goddwin Hog Reaves

Voted to pass over the 3[d] article[1] for the Present

On the 4th article, voted That the Schooling & Schools in the Town be kept in the Same Manner as in the Last year

Voted and Granted the Sum of Six Hundred pounds for the Support of Schools in the Town, the Current year

Then chose M[r]. John Nazro a Committee to procure a Grammar School Master for the Center District

Then Chose M[r] John Barnard John Chamberlain Samuel Whitney Jonathan Rice Eben[r] Willington Robert Gray William Dana Jonathan Lovel Asa Moore William Gates a Committee to procure & Support Schooling in the Several Districts in the Town

On the 5th Art. Voted, & Chose Mess[rs] Jonathan Rice Samuel Brown James Moore a Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

On the Sixth article Voted, that the Sum of Nine hundred pounds

[1] To choose a collector of taxes.

be granted, Raised Levied and assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, for amending & keeping in Repair the highways Causeyways, & Bridges in S^{d} Town for the Current year —& that twenty four shillings be given pr Man for a Days work in a Mending S^{d} ways &c, & for Teams Carts, & Plows, employed in Said Business, in the usual proportion, provided the work shall be faithfully done

voted those who have not paid their highway Taxes for the last year, nor worked them out, have Liberty to work to their amount, at any time before the first Day of June Next

Voted that the List of Highway Taxes for the Last year, directed & Intended for Mr Ephraim Miller the Last year but not delivered to him be directed & delivered to the Surveyor Chosen in his Room for the Ensuing year, & that Said Surveyor Collect & improve the money in Said Miller's list agreeable to the Directions he shall Receive from the Selectmen for the Ensuing year

On the Seventh art. voted that the Swine go at Large the year ensuing provided they be yoked & ringed according to Law

On the 9th Art. Voted that Mr Solomon Bixbee & others in this petition mentioned, be annexed to Capt Eben^{r} Lovels district of Schooling agreeable to their Request

On the Tenth art. voted not to grant the prayer of the petition[1] of Mr John Fisk & others as set forth in said article—and that Said article be dismissed

On the Eleventh art.[2] Voted to choose a Committee to make Enquiry Relative to the Canon in Said Article Mentioned

Then voted that Mr Jonathan Rice Capt Eben^{r} Lovel & Capt Whitney [be a committee] to make the Enquiry above said

Then voted that the Consideration of the Several articles in the Warrant not acted on be put over to the Time of the Town Meeting on the Adjournment hereof

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[1] "Requesting that the Town would make an Estimate of the Expense this Town has been at in Supporting the War, & to make an average of the Same &c."

[2] "To Enquire how the Canon the Town were furnished with have been disposed of &c."

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the fifteenth Day of March Instant at 2 O'Clock in the afternoon then to Meet at this place And adjourned accordingly

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Monday March 15th 1779

At a Town Meeting duly warn'd And met according to the above adjournment, the Town proceeded to act on the Remaining articles in the Warrant

Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

On the third article in the Warrant Mr William Taylor was chosen Collector of Taxes for the year 1779, & that he give Bonds for the faithfull Performance of his Duty—Voted that Sixty pounds be paid Said Taylor as a Reward for his Services

At the adjournment of this Meeting Mr William Taylor Mr Wm Johnson & Mr Joseph Miller were Chosen Constables for 1779

On the Eighth art. Voted to allow Mr William Taylor the Additional Sum of forty five pounds as a Reward for his Services as Collector for the year 1778

On the article Respecting the Canon at Glocester, Voted that Samuel Curtis Esqr be a Committee to apply to the General Court for payment for the Same & that he be directed to make such application as soon as May be

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to thursday the 14th Day of May next at three o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place And adjourn'd accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

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At a Town Meeting Held by adjournment at the public meeting house in Worcester on thursday the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1779 Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

Voted to adjourn this Meeting further to Thursday the twentieth Instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & Adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Worcester on the 20th Instant according to the above adjournment to act on the Remaining articles in the Warrant for the Annual March Meeting of Said Town Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

The Town voted to Resume the Consideration of the Second article in the Warrant, & Then Chose Leiut Thomas Wheeler a Selectman & assessor in the Room of Capt Ebenr Lovel who Declined Serving

On the 12th & last Article in the Warrant "For the Town if they think Proper to accept a *Two*-Rod Road Laid out by the Select men &c

Voted to accept the following Report of the Selectmen Viz

"Worcester March 1st 1779

"In Compliance with the Request of Messeiurs James Barber, Joseph Barber & others for a Road from Mr Rufus Flaggs throw Mr Heaths Land to the Road leading by Mr Samuel Moores, we have attended the Service & laid out a Road from a Stake and a Large Stone or Rock about 8 Rods South of Mr Rufus Flaggs House or Shop—Thence Running North a direct Line to a Walnut tree with two Chops or Marks on the West Side – From thence North, a little Westerly to a Small White oak tree or Plant marked with two Chops, Standing in the Stone wall dividing Mr Heaths Plow land from his pasturing—From thence in a Right line 20 Rods to a Chesnut Tree Mark'd with two Chops—Thence Northerly as the Path is now trod to Mr Heath's Barn—from thence as the Road or path is trod throw the Lane that Mr Heath purchased of Mr Samuel Hunt The Said Road to be two Rods wide on the West side of the Said Mark'd trees & Barn—All which is Humbly Submitted to the Consideration of the Town by

Ebenr Lovel, William Stearns, Nathl Brooks } Selectmen of Worcester

A true Copy of the original

Voted that in Consideration of Mr Heath's giving the Land for the Road throw his farm, this Town will pay the Cost of Building the Fence on that Part

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved—And it is dissolved accordingly The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to vote in Town affairs duly Warned, assembled & Met at the Public Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of March A. D. 1779 at three o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

On the first article Chose Mr David Bigelow Moderator of Said Meeting Attest William Stearns Town Cler

On the 2nd Article The Committee[1] not Ready to Report & prayed for further Time, which was granted

On the 3^d^ Article voted that the Sum of Seven pounds Shillings be allowed to Mr Samuel Bridge for so much by him expended in paying a grammar School master over & above the Center Squadrons Proportion of School money, & that Said Sum be deducted from the Said Squadron's next years proportion of School money

On the 4th Article,[2] voted that the Care of Said Mulatto Child be Left discretionary with the Selectmen

On Consideration, the Sixth Article[3] passed in the affirmative

Voted & granted the Sum of two thousand pounds for the purposes in Said Article Expressed & Set forth

Voted that the Militia officers in said Town be a Committee to procure men for the public Service—& to Draw the money above granted & be accountable to the Town for the Expenditure

On the Eighth article The Question being put whether the Town will Choose Inspectors &c & it passed in the Negative

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the fourteenth Day of May next, at three o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place and accordingly adjourned Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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[1] Appointed to settle accounts with the town treasurer.

[2] "4thly To See if the Town will make any Provision for the Support of a poor Mulatto child the Daughter of Joseph Brooks's wife likely to become a Town Charge"

[3] "6thly for the Town, if they think proper, to agree & order that the Support of the war as it Respects the Town, Shall in future be by a Tax Levied & assessed on the polls & Estates of the Inhabitants thereof"

The Town Met according to the above adjournment, Mr David Bigelow being Moderator May 14th A. D. 1779

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the twentyeth Day of May Instant at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place & adjourned accordingly Attest Wm Stearns Town Cler

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Thursday May 20th 1779 The Town Met according to the above adjournment Mr David Bigelow being Moderator

On the Second art. in the Warrant the Committee appointed to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer Bro't in a Report of their Settlement with Dr John Green Town Treasurer of Worcester in 1778—in Form following Viz

Worcester May 14th 1779 We the Subscribers being Committee appointed by the Town [of] Worcester at their annual Meeting in March A. D. 1778 to Settle with the Town Treasurer have attended Said Service and Beg leave to Report that the within account ("whh See on file") appears to be Just & true & that the treasurer of said Town has in his hands a Ballance of Seventy Pounds Six Shillings & Ten pence Lawfull money

All which is Submitted by your humble Servants

Signed Josiah Peirce, Samuel Bridge } Committee

Voted to accept the above Report

On the 5th article voted to accept the following Report of the Selectmen Viz:

Report of the Selectmen of Worcester of the money belonging to the Town of Worcester and of the Persons in whose hands the Same is lodged is as follows viz:

In the Hands of Messieurs

Samuel MacCraken	£80 0 0
Palmer Goulding	46 13 4
Phinehas Ward	22 15 0
Ezekiel Howe	20 0 0

Oliver Robinson	50	0	0
John Taylor	42	3	4
David Thomas	33	6	8
£35,, 16,, 8 lies in the hands of the Treasurer not on Loan	35	16	8
School Money in the Hands of Mr David Baldwin	£83	6	8
Sum Total	414	1	8

The Interest of the Ministerial Money Received & paid to the Reverend Mr Maccarty up to the first of November last

The above Report is Submitted to the Town by the Subscribers

William Stearns
David Bigelow
Robert Smith
Nathaniel Brooks
} Selectmen of Worcester

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting—and it was accordingly dissolved

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs and in the Choice of a Representative duly Warned & held at the public meeting house in Said Town on the twentieth Day of May Anno Domini 1779 at one o'Clock in the after[noon] to act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

1 On the first art. Samuel Curtis Esqr was Chosen a Representative to Serve for & represent Said Town in the General Court the Present Year

2 On the 2nd Art Samuel Curtis Esqr was Chosen Moderator

3d Art[1] Voted that the Consideration of this article be postponed to the time to which this Meeting Shall be adjourned

4th Art[2] Voted that the Consideration of this Article be postponed in like manner as the above

5th Art[3] Voted that the Consideration of this Article be postponed as the above

6th Art.[4] Postponed as the Preceding

7th Art. Voted that Mr Nathan Perry, Samuel Goddard & Samuel Whitney be a Committee to make proper provision for the families of Noncommisioned officers and private Soldiers Serving for this Town in the Continental army agreeable to the Resolves of Court

Voted and Granted the Sum of two hundred pounds for the above Purpose

8th Art.[5] Postponed

9th Art. Voted that the Selectmen be impowered to hire and pay a Person to Ring the Bell the Current year

10th Art.[6] Voted that this article be dismissed

Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to the third monday of June Next at four o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place and adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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[1] To grant a Salary to the Rev. Mr. Maccarty.

[2] "To Consider and act on the Petition of Joseph Ball and others Relative to a Resolve of the General Court allowing thirty pounds pr. Man raised for the late nine months Service."

[3] To allow the accounts of those who have done Service for the Town.

[4] "To Regulate Jury Boxes as by law is Required."

[5] To abate taxes.

[6] "To appropriate, if thought Best, The two hinder Body Seats on the Front of Messrs Bridge Gray, and Flagg's Pews in the Meeting house, as well as the like Seats on the opposite Side, to be converted and Improved as Pews for the accomodation of those who may desire to purchase them agreeable to the Request of Mr Isaac Willard and others."

At a Town Meeting held at the public Meeting house in Worcester on Monday y^e [ ][1] Day of June A. D. 1779 according to the above adjournment

On Consideration of the 3^d article in the Warrant, voted, that the Same be further Postponed

Art. 4th Voted that this article be passed over for the Present

Art. 5th On this Art. Voted to allow the following Sums Viz:

Voted and Granted to Capt William Dana the Sum of for Repairing the Fence Round the Burying Yard	£210 19 0
Voted and Granted to Martha Wiley the Sum of for Boarding Margaret Miles one of the poor of the Town of Worcester twenty Six Weeks from the 27th of august. 1778 at £3 10 0 Pr week	£91 00 0
Voted that the Select men be allowed the Sum of which they have paid to Catharine Segar of Charlton for Nursing a Mullatto child one of the Poor of this Town	£15 00 0

Art. 6th On the 6th Art in the Warrant the Selectmen brought in and laid Before the Town a List of those persons whom they Judged able, qualified and liable By Law to Serve on *Petit Juries* Out of which Number the Town Selected one Quarter Part to Serve as Jurors at the Superior Court, Court of assize and General Goal Delivery viz—

James Barber	Benjamin Flagg	Jonathan Phillips
Joseph Barber	Nathanl Heywood	Saml Miller
David Bigelow	William Gates	James Moore
Saml Brooks	Ezekiel Howe	Nathan Perry
Nathaniel Brooks	Noah Jones	Benjamin Stowel
Samuel Curtis	Ebenr Lovel	Robert Smith
John Cunningham	Nathanl Moore	Thomas Wheeler
William Dana	Asa Moore	Joshua Whitney
		Samuel Woodburn

The Remaining Part of Said List to Serve as Jurors at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be held from time to time in the County of Worcester Viz

[1] Figures trimmed off.

Samuel Brown	Josiah Flagg	Solomon Johnson
Daniel Baird	Jonath Flagg	Peter Johnson
Joseph Ball	Elisha Gurney	Daniel Johnson
Solomon Bixbee	Jonathan Gates	Samuel Jennison
John Barnard	Samuel Goddard	William Johnson
Benjamin Chapin	Reuben Gray	Phineas Jones
David Chaddick	Robert Gray	Thomas Knight
John Chamberlain	Jonathan Gleason	Josiah Knight
Samuel Clark	Nathanl Harrington	Edward Knight
Edward Craft	Daniel Heywood	Jonathan Lovel
Ezra Carey	Jacob Holmes	William McFarland
Thaddeus Bigelow	Joseph Hastings	John Moore
Elijah Dix	Daniel Harris	Ephraim Miller
John Fisk	Noah Harris	Moses Miller
Rufus Flagg	Josiah Harrington Junr	Thomas Nichols
Jonathan Fisk	Levi Houghton	John Nazro
John Noyes	Jabez Totman	Ebenr Willington Ju
Richard Prat	John Totman	Benja Whitney Junr
Lemuel Rice	David Thomas	Samuel Whitney
Stephen Salisbury	Isaac Willard	William Walker
Samuel Salisbury	Phinehas Ward	asa Ward
William Taylor	Samuel Wiswal	Ephraim Moore
James Trowbridge	Amos Wheeler	John Gleason
William Trowbridge	Ebenr Willington	

and Voted that the Names of the above Named persons be pu
Seperate Boxes according to Law

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting and all Matters in the W
rant not acted on to the third monday of September Next, at
o'Clock in the afternoon to Meet at this Place and adjourned
cordingly Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
Town of Worcester Qualified to vote in town affairs duly war
and held at the Public meeting house in Worcester June 23d. A
1779 at two o'Clock in the afternoon to act on the articles in
Warrant

On the first art. Mr David Bigelow Chosen for the Moderato

2ndly voted to Choose a Committee to hire money for to pay the Soldiers their hire—Chose Capt Jennison, John Nazro, Nath[l] Moore, Capt Brooks & Samuel Goddard

3d Voted that the above Committee be impowered to hire the money that Shall be needed & that the Town will See them paid

David Bigelow Moderator

A true Copy from the Original minutes

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting duly Warned & held at the Public Meeting house in Worcester July 12th A. D. 1779 The Town proceeded to act on the articles in the warrant for Said Meeting as follows Viz:

On the first article Voted & Chose M[r] David Bigelow Moderator

On the 2nd Art. Voted to comply with the Request of the Committee of the Town of Boston—and also to Send two Delegates to Concord Voted & Chose M[r] David Bigelow & M[r] Joseph Barber Delegates to meet with the Convention of Delegates from the Several Committees &c to be holden at Concord for the purposes in Said Letter Propounded

On the third article, the Committee lately Chosen to hire money to pay the Soldiers their hire to go into the Public Service & the Militia officers Reported that they had advanced Six thousand Seven hundred & fifty Pounds to pay the Soldiers hired by this Town to fill up the Continental army

Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee aforesaid

Voted five thousand & two hundred pounds be levied and assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester to Repay the monies expended in hiring Soldiers to go into the Public Service, and that the monies Said Committee have Expended in this Behalf be Repaid them

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting & it is Dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs on monday the 2nd. of august A. D. 1779 2 o'Clock P. M. at the Public meeting house in Said Town

Mr David Bigelow was Chosen moderator

On the 2nd Art.[1] in the (above) Warrant The Town took into their Consideration the Doings & Resolves of the Convention lately held at Concord and

On motion voted that this town do accept & highly approve of the doings & Resolves of the Convention held at Concord on the fourteenth of July Last

On motion Resolved that a Committee be Chosen to Join with the Committee of Correspondence &c of this Town in Carrying the Spirit & Intent of the Proceedings and Resolutions of Said Convention into Execution here.

Voted that this Committee consist of Ten Persons—And accordingly Major William Dawes, Capt Israel Jennison, Joseph allen Esq Mr Samuel Bridge, Leiut Josiah Peirce, Capt Joshua Whitney, Leiut Samuel Brown, Mr Nathan Baldwin & Mr James Moore and Leiut Phineas Jones are appointed a Committee for the aforesaid Purpose

Voted that Messrs William Stearns Nathan Baldwin & Joseph allen be a Committee to Consider & Report Such Resolves as they Shall think proper to be Passed & Entered into by this Town Relative to the appreciation of our Currency, & Lay the Same before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

On the third art. Voted & Chose Mr David Bigelow & Mr Joseph Barber Delegates to attend a County Convention to be held in this Town on the 3d of august Currant to take into Consideration & to act on the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord

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[1] "2ndly For the Town to take into their Consideration the Report & Resolves of the Late Convention of Committees held at Concord on the 14th Instant" &c.

On the 4th. Art. Voted that the Singers set in the front Seats in the Front Gallery, and those Gentlemen who have heretofore Set in the front seat in said Gallery have a right to set in the front body Seat & Second Seat below & that Said Singers have said Seats in the front Gallery appropriated to their own use.

Voted. That Said Singers be requested to take Said Seats & Carry on Singing in public worship.

Voted, That the mode of Singing in the congregation here, be without reading the Psalm Line by Line to be Sung.

Voted That the town Clerk Serve the Singers with a Copy of the foregoing votes on this article as soon as may be.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 5th Instant at 6 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Thursday August 5th 1779 Met according to the above adjournment

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At a meeting of as well the Freemen Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester above the age of twenty one years, as of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs at the Public meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 16th Day of august A. D. 1779—To act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

1 On the first article The Town Chose Mr David Bigelow moderator

2 On the Second art.[1] Voted to pass over the Said Artle for the Present

3 On the 3d artle. Voted to send one Delegate to Concord to meet in Convention on the first Wednesday of October next

Voted & Chose Mr David Bigelow a Delegate to attend Said Convention

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[1] To elect delegates to a convention to be held in Cambridge on Sept. 1 to frame a new Constitution for the State.

4 On the 4th art. voted that the Select men deposit the Town Stock of ammunition in the most Safe Place as they Shall think Proper at the Risk of the Town

5th On the fifth artle. Voted & granted the Sum of Eight hundred & ninety two pounds Sixteen Shillings to pay for the Shirts Stockings & Shoes to be Procured for the Soldiery &c. to be levied & assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town &c

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 18th Instant at four o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this Place and adjourned accordingly

The foregoing votes were Passed at this meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

Wednesday August 18th. A. D. 1779

The Town met according to the above adjournment Mr David Bigelow being moderator and on the Second artle in the Warrant Voted to elect & Depute three Delegates to meet at Cambridge in a State Convention &c for the Sole Purpose of forming a New Constitution &c

Voted & Chose Levi Lincoln Esqr, Joseph allen Esqr, and Mr David Bigelow } Delegates for Said Purpose

The[n] Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it is dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were Passed at this meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs duly Warn'd & held at the Public meeting House in Said Town on monday the 30th Day of august Anno Domini 1779—To act on the articles Contained in the Warrant

1 Chose mr David Bigelow moderator of said meeting

2nd On the Second article in the Warrant, The doings of the County Convention & their Resolutions being distinctly read the Town unanimously accepted and approved of the Same

3d Voted that [a] Committee of five be Chosen to Regulate the Prices of the More minute articles of Labour &c & other articles not Regulated by the late County Convention & that they make Report of their Doings at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted & Chose Dr John Green, Mr asa moore, Mr Samuel Salisbury Mr Thomas Wheeler, & Mr Daniel Bigelow for Said Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting [to] Monday next 3 o'Clock P. M. (September 6th) then to meet at this Place & it is adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

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Monday September Sixth, Anno Domini 1779

The Town Met according to the above adjournment & Mr David Bigelow moderator of this meeting being absent, The Town Proceeded to Choose Mr Joseph allen Moderator

The aforesaid Committee bro't in a Report of Prices of Labour, Produce &c & articles in the List Enumerated—and on Motion Voted that an addition of three Persons Should be made to Said Committee & that Said Report Should be Recommitted, for further Consideration & to make Such alterations therein as may be tho't proper, & then Said Report be delivered to Mr David Bigelow, the Delegate from this Town to attend the State Convention to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of October next, for him to make Such use of the Same there as he Shall think Proper

Voted that Mr Joseph allen, Col Flagg & Capt William Gates be added to Said Committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 20th day of October next at two o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place—and adjourned accordingly

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Wednesday October twentieth A. D. 1779

The Town met according to the above adjournment—& Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to Monday the 25th Instant at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this Place, And adjourned accordingly Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Monday October 25th Anno Domini 1779

Met according to the above adjournment—And voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the first Day of November Next then to meet at this Place—and adjourned accordingly

Attest William Stearns Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs duly warned & held at the Public meeting house in Said Town on Septr 13th 1779 to act on the several articles of the foregoing Warrant.

On the 1st article chose Levi Lincoln Esq Moderator of said meeting

On the Second article, Voted to raise this town's quota of Soldiers for the Rhod-Island department

Voted that Said Quota be hired by the town & that the money for this purpose be raised by a tax

Voted that a Committee be chosen to procure the money to hire the men for the Service in that department

Voted that Lieut Benja Stowel Lieut. Saml Brown, Willm McFarland, Mr Ebenr Willington & Mr Nathan Perry be a Committee to procure the money for the said purpose upon the credit of the town

Voted that Said Committee in conjunction with the militia officers of the town hire the said quota at a reasonable rate & pay them, and that the said committee make a report of their doings unto the town at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted That this town will repay said Committee the money so procured & paid in this behalf

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the twenty first Instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place

Attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Tuesday Septr 21st 1779

Met according to the above adjournment Mr David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

The Committee chosen under the 2^d^ article in the Warrant reported that they had hired eight Soldiers for the Rhod-Island department & had paid them the sum of £610.

Voted & granted the Sum of Six hundred & ten pounds to repay the Committee above mentioned the money they have expended in hiring & paying eight Soldiers to go to Providence.

Voted that the Interest of the above Sum be paid to Said Committee from the time of procuring the money to the time of paying the principal Sum

Voted & granted the Sum of eighteen pounds for the last mentioned purpose

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third wednesday in October at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Town Clerk

N. B. The Town met upon the above adjournment, but nothing further was done upon the Warrant, Whereupon the Meeting was dissolved Attest William Stearns Town Cler

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At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duely warned & held at the public meeting house in Worcester Octo^r^. 18th. A. D. 1779 to act on the articles contained in the Warrant

On the first article chose Mr Willm Stearns was chosen Moderator of said meeting

On the Second article[1] voted to choose a Committee to hire the money necessary for the raising this towns quota of Soldiers for this Service on the faith & Credit of the town

Voted that this Committee consist of Seven persons

Voted & chose Col^{l}. Benj^{a} Flagg M^{r}. Joseph Allen, M^{r}. Jon^{a} Gleason Cap^{n} Edward Crafts Mr Elijah Harrington, Mr John Cunningham Mr Jon^{a} Gates for said Committee

Voted that this Committee jointly with the Militia Officers of the town, procure the men necessary for this Service & that the Committee Supply the money for paying them & that they report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to wednesday the twentieth Instant at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at this place, & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Wednesday October 20th 1779

Met according to the above adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 25th Instant at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest William Stearns Town Clerk

Monday Octob^{r} 25th 1779

Met according to the above adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Novem^{r}. 1st 4 o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Monday Novr 1st 1779

Met according to the above adjournment. When the Committee above chosen to procure men &c brought in the following report, viz.

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[1] "2nd To adopt the most proper measures for procuring & raising the towns proportion of Soldiers of the two thousand men to be raised in this State, to march to Claverick on Hudson's river for the assistance of General Washington as soon as may be, agreeable to the requisition of the General Court."

Worcester Novr 1st 1779

The Committee appointed by the town to procure & pay thirteen men being their proportion of a reinforcement for General Washington's army agreeable to a resolve of the General Court & vote of the town on Monday the 20th day of Octr last, beg leave to report as follows, viz.

That they have procured & partly paid, & engaged in behalf of the town to Compleat their payments with Interest on the notes given till paid, to 13 men as the towns hire at £150 pr. Man	£1950
That they have in the same Method paid said 13 Men their States bounty £30 each	390
That they have in the same method paid said 13 men their Mileage from hence to Clavernick the place of destination 135 Miles at 2/ pr mile	175 10
Total, Hire, Bounty & Mileage	£2515 10

Their said Committee have the proper Vouchers for the above proceedings that 12 of the 13 Men marched this day, one having permission from Col^{l} Denny to march some future day

John Cunningham p^{r}. order

N. B. The whole sum is to be understood to be upon Interest, as what was paid was hired on those terms

Voted that the foregoing report be accepted & allowed—Voted that the sum of two thousand five hundred & fifteen pounds ten shillings be & is hereby granted to said Committee to repay them what they have advanced for the Hire, bounties & Mileage of the soldiers in said report mentioned & that the same be assessed by a tax &c—Voted that the said sum be assessed with the County tax. Voted that Said Committee receive Interest for said sum till paid—& that such Interest be paid out of the money to be lodged in the town treasury by Saml Curtis Esq when he shall receive the same from the Treasurer & Receiver General of this State.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved & it is dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting

Attest William Stearns Mod^{r} & Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned & held at the public meeting house in Worcester October 20th 1779 to act on the articles contained in the Warrant

On the first article chose Mr Allen Moderator

The second article[1] was postponed

On the 3d article viz For the town to vote & agree that all the public moneys granted by this town the currant year at & after the last annual March Meeting to this time & that shall be granted this meeting be levied & assessed in one tax, except what respects the support of the war & what is already assessed. It passed in the affirmative

On the fourth article Voted & granted the sum of twelve hundred Pounds to the Rev Mr Maccarty for his Salary for the year 1779.

The 5th article[1] was dismissed

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 25th Instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & it was adjourned accordingly Attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

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Monday Octobr 25th A. D. 1779

Met according to adjournment & on the 6th article in the warrant Voted to allow the following accompts to the following persons Viz:

To Thomas Wheeler for taking care of a Sick Negro man & burying him when dead	£24	2
To William Trowbridge for one hundred & ninety feet of 3 Inch plank	11	10
To William Young Esq for one hundred Foot of white oak 3 Inch plank	6	0
To Joseph Barber for his Expences at the County Convention	6	0

[1] To grant money for common charges.

[2] "To hear & Consider of the petitions of Mr Joseph Ball & Mr Daniel Baird Relative to the Raising of Soldiers for the nine months Continental Service"

To John Elder for one hundred & five feet of 3 Inch plank	6	4	
To John Welsh for Doctring [?] & attendance on the fore mentioned Negro 5 days	6	0	
To Mr William Taylor for the abatement of part of the Rates of Mr James Hart	5	0	
To Same for Mr Isaac Moores Rates abated		17	8
——— for Joel Smiths Rates abated		11	0
——— for the abatement of Isaac Moores Rates for 1776	1	14	0
——— — — — for 1777	2	11	2
——— for the Abatement of Nathl Maccartys Rates for 1778	8	9	2
——— for the Abatement of Joseph Morses Rates	1	0	3

Voted that a Committee be chosen to examine the accounts of Cap^{n} Joshua Whitney & others now lying on the Table & that such Committee make report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted that Col^{l} Benjamin Flagg Cap^{n} Israel Jennison & Mr Nathl Brooks be a Committee for the aforesaid purpose

Then the Moderator presented & read a Letter from the Revd Mr Maccarty requesting that the town would make good to him eighty pounds according to the current price of articles before the war.

Then on a motion made & seconded the Question was put whether the town will now resume the consideration of the article in the Warrant relative to M^{r}. Maccarty's Salary & proceed at this time to make any further grant It pass'd in the Negative

Then Voted that the further consideration of this Letter be posponed to the adjournment of this meeting, & that the Town Clerk put up a notification thereof & of the time this meeting is adjourned to that there may be a general attendance

Voted that this meeting be adjourned [to] Monday the 1st day of Novr. next at one o'Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Monday Novr 1st 1779

Met according to theforegoing adjournment from the 25th day of Octob^{r} last to this time. The Town then resumed the consideration

of the article relative to Rev^{d} M^{r}. Maccartys Sallary & of his letter of the 25th Ult. & on Motion made & seconded the Question was put, whether the town would make any further grant to M^{r}. Maccarty at this time & it passed in the Negative.

The Committee chosen under the 6th article report that the Selectmen have advanced money in favour of the town the Interest of which is fifteen pounds Sixteen Shillings, which Interest only is due to them.

Voted that the sum of fifteen pounds sixteen shillings be allowed the Selectmen for said Interest.

As to the accompt of Cap^{n} Joshua Whitney & Mr Jon^{a} Rice Under the 8th article[1] the committee submitted it to the town to allow or disallow the same as they shall think proper.

Voted that the sum of twenty four pounds ten shillings be granted to said Whitney & Rice in full for their expences in going after said Gleason & Crosby.

Then the town Voted to take up the matter of the 2^{d} article in the warrant viz. To grant such sums of Money as should be tho't necessary to defray the Charges of the Town the Currant year &

Voted That whereas there is the sum of three hundred & ninety pounds in the hands of the Treasurer & Receiver General of this State belonging to the Town of Worcester that said sum be appropriated to the purpose in said article mentioned

Voted that the Selectmen give an order to Saml Curtis Esq to receive the said sum of three hundred & ninety pounds of the State Treasurer & that the Said Saml shall lodge said Money in the hands of the town treasurer to be drawn out as the town shall direct.

Voted that the Selectmen now have liberty to draw out now one hundred pounds for defraying town charges, they to be accountable unto the town for the Expenditure

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[1] "To Grant a proper Reward to Capt Joshua Whitney and Mr Jonathan Rice for Endeavors to take & Recover Thomas Gleason & Elisha Crosby Deserters from the army."

On the ninth article Voted that Cap^{n} Saml Brooks Mr Robert Smith & Mr Noah Harris be a Committee for directing & making the wall[1] mentioned in said article.

Then Voted that this meeting be dissolved, & it was dissolved accordingly

The foregoing Votes were passed at this Meeting
attest William Stearns Town Cler

Entered from & Compared with the original minutes
Wm Stearns Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned & held at the public meeting house in said town Novr. 15th 1779 to act on the articles contained in the Warrant

On the first article chose M^{r}. Willm Stearns Moderator

On the 2^{d} article, The proceedings of the Convention[2] therein mentioned read & the consideration thereof posponed.

On the article in the Warrant viz To See if the Town will send a memorial to general Court to obtain a more equal Taxation of the town of Worcester than was levied on said town by the last tax bill & do thereon what may be tho't most proper. Voted & resolved that the Selectmen be impowered & they are hereby impowered & directed to present a memorial & remonstrance in the name & behalf of this town to the general assembly of this State in their present session to obtain relief from the excess of the last tax & a more equal taxation for the town of Worcester in future

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 29th Instant & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

Entered from & compared with the original minutes
Wm Stearns Town Cler

N. B. Nothing more was ever done at this meeting
Wm Stearns T. C.

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[1] On the road through Mr. Heath's land.

[2] Held at Concord for the purpose of regulating prices.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs duly warned & held at the public meeting house in S^d^ Town on the 31st day of Jany 1780 to act on the several articles contained in the warrant for said Meeting

On the first article chose M^r^. William Stearns Moderator of S^d^ meeting

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 14th day of February next then to meet at this place & adjourned accordingly attest Willm Stearns Town Clerk

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Monday Feby 14th 1780

Met according to the above adjournment. When the town voted under the 2^d^ article of the Warrant, that the sum of thirteen hundred & sixty pounds should be granted to the Revd Mr Maccarty in addition to the twelve hundred pounds granted him at a town meeting held in this place on the twentieth day of October last, for his Salary for one year from the twenty first of June last, making in the whole twenty five hundred & Sixty pounds

Voted not to act on the 3^d^[1] & 4th[2] articles in the Warrant & that the same be dismissed

Then voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly

The foregoing votes were passed at this Meeting
attest William Stearns Mod^r^ & Town Cler

Enter'd from the Original & Compared therewith
p^r^ William Stearns Town Cler

At a Publick Town meeting held at the meeting House in Worcester, on monday ye Sixth day of march A. D 1780 to act on the several articles Contained in the foregoing Warrant

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[1] To assess a continental tax.

[2] To make provision for soldiers' families.

at Said meeting Sam^{el} Curtis Esqr Chosen moderator

David Bigelow Dr John Green Jonathan Rice Joseph Barber Edward Crafts Select Men and overseers of the poor

Nathl Heywood Town Cler

Capt Wm Gates Town Treasurer

James Moore Nathl Heywood Eph^{m} Miller assessors

Nathan Perry Dea Jacob Chamberlain Wardens

Mr James McFarland Collector which Service he Engages to do for the Sum of two Hundred and Forty Five pound Reward

Eph^{m} Mower Daniel Goulding Constables

Joseph Allen Daniel Harris David Chadwick Thos Knight Willm Trowbridge Committee of Correspondence

Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

Sam^{el} Bridge Eph^{m} Curtis Clerks of the market

Solomon Bixbee Saml Fullerton Surveyors of Bords and Shingles

Saml Clark Joseph Ball John Barnard John Glezen Josiah Knight James McFarland John Moore Nathan Patch Benj^{a} Stowell Thos Nicols James Barber Daniel Harris Surveyors of high ways and Collectors of high way Taxes

Daniel Johnson Sam^{el} Mower Junr Fence Viewers

Josiah Harrington Joseph Ball Tithing men

Sam^{el} Bridge Dr Benj^{a} Green Dear Reaves

Eli Chapin Joshua Whitney Field drivers

Sam^{el} Whitney Levi Flagg Thaddeus Chapin John Welsh John Hamilton Sam^{el} Warden Elijah Haws William Buckston Richard Pratt William Taylor Thaddeus moore Hog Reaves

Voted to Choose a Committee to Examine the Several Squadrons of Schooling in this Town, and to Regulate the Squadrons and apportion the money that shall be Granted to Support Schools in S^{d} Town and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Timothy Paine Esqr Benj^{a} Stowell Col^{o} Benj^{a} Flagg Capt Ebenez^{r} Lovel Capt John Curtis Asa moore John Chamberlain James McFarland Sam^{el} Curtis Esqr Levi Houghton Lieu^{t} Josiah Pierce Chosen for the Said Committee

The Sum of two thousand pounds Granted for the Support of Schools the Currant year

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of three to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer, accordingly the following Gent^m^ were Chosen

Col^o^ Benj^a^ Flagg William Stearns Joseph Allen Committee to Settle acc^t^ with ye Town Treasurer

Voted to Discharge the Committee of Last year's and this Committee Settle all acc^t^. with Dr John Green the Late Town Treasurer and make Report at the annual may meeting

Voted that Ninety pounds be Granted to the Select-men for the year 1779 out of the Sum in Said article mentioned to repay them so much by them advanced in behalf of the Town, to pay soldiery their bounty who were sent to Rhode Island in June Last and that the Remainder of the Sum in Said article mentioned lye in the Town Treasuer till the further order of the Town

Voted the Swine may go at Large in this Town the Current year they being properly Yoaked and Ringed

the 5th[1] 9th[2] & 10th[3] articles not passed upon and Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the 20th. Inst at one O'Clock in the afternoon—adjourned accordingly

The foregoing Votes were passed at this meeting

Attest Wm Stearns Town Cler

a true Coppy from ye minutes Attest Nathl Heywood Town Cler

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monday 20th march 1780

At a Town meeting duly Warned and met according to the above adjournment the Town proceded to act on the Remaining articles in the Warrant

m^r^. Sam^el^ Curtis being absent the Town proceeded and C[h]ose mr. Wm Stearns moderator

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[1] To grant a highway tax. [2] To allow accounts against the town.
[3] To provide for soldiers' families.

the Committee appointed to apportion the School money in this Town brough[t] in the following Report agreeable to their order which Report was accepted by the vote of the Town

to the middle of the Town	£523	15	4
Capt. Smiths District	116	16	9
Lieu^{t}. Benj^{a} Stowells Do.	199	1	7
Col^{o} Flagg	174	18	9
Sam^{el} Curtis Esqr.	100	1	2
Lieu^{t} Pierces	165	4	7
Capt Lovels	183	6	3
Capt Curtis s	205	2	5
Tatnick	165	16	7
m^{r} Asa moore	165	16	7
	£2000	0	0

Voted to Settle where the Grammar School Shall be kept

Voted to begin at the highest Squadron, and procede to the lowest, each Squadron to have the Said School, in proportion to their School money

Voted to Raise one thousand pounds in addition to what is already Granted for the Supporting of Schools, to be divided in the Same proportion the other School money is Divided

Voted to Choose [a] Committee to provide School masters to Consist of Ten accordingly the Town made Choise of the following Gen^{n} for the S^{d} Committee

Wm Stearns	Josiah Peirce	School Com^{tee}
asa Ward	Ezra Cara	
Benj^{a} Stowell	Dr John Green	
Thomas Wheeler	Wm Young Esqr	
John Elder	James m^{c}Farland	

Voted to Set the price of Labour at the Highway

Voted that Nine pounds be the price of one days Labour at the highways pr man oxen, Carts and plows in the usual proportion

Voted that the Sum of Ten Thousand pounds be granted to be

levied and assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town : for the purpose of Repairing of highways

Voted that those persons who have not worked out their last years highway Rates, have Liberty to work them out provided they work them out before the first day of June next ; those persons that have Credit in the last years highway Tax to be allowed equal to what is allowed the Current year

Voted that the Select-men be Directed to give Seperate orders to the Committee appointed to Hire Soldiers for the Claverick Expedition

Granted to D[r] W[m] Walker for Doctering Tamerson Kimbolton £50 0

Do Do Margaret Miles 97 0

£147

Voted that the above sums be levied and Assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this town

Voted to m[r] John moore for a pair Stockings £4 0

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of three to provide for Soldiers Families

Capt Joshua Whitney, James Barber, John Glezen } Com[tee] to provide for the families of non Com officers and Soldiers

the Sum of two Hundred pound Granted for the use of the said Committee which money is alread[y] assessed

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one half hour at the Expiration of which the town Reasumed the business of the meeting

Voted to Choose two assessors in addition to the other three already Chosen accordingly mess[rs] Nath[ll] Harrington & Thomas Wheeler were Chosen by a majority of Votes

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved and this meeting is Dissolved accordingly Attest Nath[ll] Heywood Town Cler

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at a Publick Town meeting held at ye meeting House in Worcester on the 20th day of march A D 1780 to act on the Several articles Contained in Foregoing Warrant

m^r^. William Stearns Chosen moderator

Voted that the assessors go upon the Business of taking a Valuation Imedeatly and Send to the General Court; agreeable to the act of the General Court in 1778

Voted that Capt. Goulden and others have Liberty to Build a School House upon the Common a leatle West of the Pound

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved and this meeting is accordingly Dissolved

the Foregoing Votes were passed at this meeting

Attess Nath^ll^ Heywood Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to act on the foregoing articles respectively, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of May in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

2^d^. Article[1] was adjourned to the last monday of the present month

Voted that Messrs. Jonathan Rice, Saml Jennison & Richard Pratt be a Committee to hire money in order to procure Soldiers for the Guards at Rutland, & that the further Consideration of this article be postponed to the last monday of the present month.

This Meeting was then adjourned to that time

Att^t^ Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs and for the choice of Representatives respectively, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty second day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

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[1] To see if the inhabitants approve of the new state constitution.

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen to represent the Town, agreeable to the first article in the Warrant.

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Joseph Allen was chosen Town Clerk, & sworn in the Meeting

Voted that the consideration of the third article[1] be referred to the adjournment

Voted that the consideration of the article relative to the Salary of the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty, be referred to the first Monday of September next at 3 o'Clock P. M.

Upon a motion made by James McFarland that he might withdraw his request as inserted in the Warrant (being article 7th)[2] the same was dismissed

Voted that the 8th. Article be postponed to the Adjournment, & that the Select men, in the mean time, enquire upon what terms any suitable person will ring the bell

Voted that M^{r}. Duncan take care of the burying Ground & toll the bell at funerals

Voted to allow William Taylor fifty dollars, he having received in behalf of the Town, a bill of that Denomination which is Counterfeit.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday next, being the 29th day of the Month, at one o'Clock P. M. & it was adjourned accordingly

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At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held at the publick Meeting house in Worcester, on Monday the twenty ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty, by adjournment from the twenty second day of the same Month

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[1] "To choose other delegates instead of the present Members to meet in Convention on the first Wednesday of June next if they see fit."

[2] "7th To see if the Town will excuse Mr. James McFarland from being Collector of taxes the current year, by reason of his *indisposition of health*, & proceed to the choice of one in his room."

Voted not to send any new members to the Convention for framing a new Constitution or form of Government.

Voted to allow Reuben Eaton's accot. for keeping the Widow Sarah Eaton, amounting to	72	8	6
also the accot. of Scip. Chandler for ringing the meeting house bell	31	4	
Voted to allow Joseph Torrey in full discharge of his accot.	100		

Voted that the Select men procure & agree with some person to ring the bell.

Voted to abate the Poll-tax of the Son of Paul Kingston in M^{r}. W^{m}. Taylors list being £15 0 0

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in Sepr. next at 3 o'Clock P. M. & adjourned accordingly

a true Entry att. Jos. Allen Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned and assembled, at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Sum of £1360. granted to the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Maccarty in February last, be assessed upon the polls & estates in this Town, & that the same be collected

Voted that the sum of Two hundred & ninety pounds, part of the sum paid into the hands of the Treasurer by Samuel Curtis Esqr. be paid to the Committee chosen to procure men to do duty at Rutland by an order of the Select Men to said Committee, which Committee is to be accountable for the expenditure of the same

The Committee chosen in March last, to reckon with the late Town Treasurer, made report of their doings in the words following. viz

"Worcester, May 22d. 1780. We the Subscribers, a Committ
"appointed by the Town of Worcester, to settle with the late Tow
"Treasurer (Dr. John Green) have attended said service, & fir
"that the several assessments made on the Inhabitants of sa
"Town, payable to said late Treasurer, amount to the sum of f
"teen thousand two hundred & sixty nine pounds 11/4. Th
"said Treasurer hath discharged himself of part of said sum, vi
"the sum of eight thousand four hundred & nine pounds fourte
"shillings & five pence half penny. That said late Treasurer ha
"in his hands, Cash to the amount of sixty two pounds eight shi
"ings & four pence, & that the remaining sum to balance this a
"count, viz. Six thousand Seven hundred & ninety seven poun
"eight shillings & six pence half penny, is still in the hands
"William Taylor, to be accounted for by the present Treasurer"

"Benja. Flagg. Wm. Stearns. Jos. Allen Committee"

"To which I agree John Green late Town Treasurer"

Which Report having been read, was accepted by the Town, thereupon ordered that the same be recorded

Voted that Dr. John Green, the late Treasurer, deliver the p pers in his hands to the present Treasurer.

Voted that the Sum of fifteen hundred pounds be assessed up the Polls & Estates in this Town, viz. the Sum of Seven hundr & fifty pounds for the hire of Soldiers, & the remainder to defr the common and ordinary charges of the Town—to be assessed the first Assessment that shall be made, & to be made with t County tax.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved, & it was dissolved accor ingly

A true entry Atta. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the free Inhabitants of the Town of Worcest of the Age of twenty one years & upwards, duly assembled at t publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 29th day May, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty by a journment from the first day of the same Month.

The Bill of rights & frame of Government having been read Paragraph by paragraph, Voted to accept thereof, except the 3^{d} & 20th articles in the bill of rights. the 4th article of the first Section in Chap. I. the first article of the 3^{d} Section in the same chap. the 9th article of the same. The 7th article of the first section & 2^{d} Chap. & the 3^{d} & 7 articles of Chap. 6. which the Town disapprove of in their present form.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the twentieth day of June, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

M^{r}. Nathan Perry was chosen Moderator.

The Town Voted to adjourn this Meeting to fryday the 23^{d}. Ins^{t}. 3 o'Clock P. M.

Fryday the 23^{d} day of June

The Town met according to Adjournment, & further adjourned to Tuesday the 27th Instant 4 o'Clock P. M.

Tuesday June 27th. Met according to Adjournment.

Voted to allow 2 ^{d}. per pound to M^{r}. James McFarland, Collector of publick taxes, on all monies he may receive for taxes that may hereafter be assessed the current year.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved; & it was dissolved accordingly

A true entry. Att^{a}. Jos. Allen Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, duly warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of June, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty

Mr. Nathan Perry was chosen Moderator.

Voted that Deacon Samuel Miller, Daniel Beard, James Barber, John Chamberlain, Nathaniel Robbins, Asa Ward & Benjamin Greene be a Committee to assist the Militia officers in procuring twenty two Continental Soldiers for this Town

Voted that the said Committee hire the said Soldiers in the best way & manner they can at the cost & charge of the Town, which cost is to be levied on the Polls & Estates in said Town.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 20th Inst. at 3 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned

Tuesday June 20th Met according to adjournment

Voted that the Militia officers be, & they hereby are requested to call their respective Companies together as soon as may be

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Fryday the 23d Inst. at one o'Clock P. M. to which time it was accordingly adjourned

Fryday June 23d. 1780 Met according to adjournment

Voted that there shall be allowed to each Soldier that shall engage in behalf of this Town the Sum of Twenty seven pounds, to be paid in Produce as estimated in the year 1774, or the value thereof, provided they relinquish in favor of the Town, what they are entitled to receive for wages & milage, & produce a proper Certificate that they have not received the same nor any part thereof.

Voted that William Stearns, Joseph Allen & John Cunningham be a Committee to make Contracts with the Soldiers who may be procured in behalf of the Town for the purpose aforesaid.

Voted that this Town will indemnify the Committee aforesaid for the obligations they may enter into to prosecute the business assigned them

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure Men with the assistence of the Militia Officers, be & they hereby are impowered to receive of Capt. Israel Jennison the sum of sixteen hundred pounds in his hands, belonging to this Town, the said Committee to secure said Jennison for said Sum

Voted that this Town adhere to their vote of allowing £27. for the service aforesaid & no more

Voted that Capt. Lovell & Whitney be a Committee to procure men without the limits of this State provided a Sufficient number do not appear to engage by fryday morning next

Voted that the last mentioned Committee be, & they hereby are, impowered to receive of the Committee appointed to receive £1600. of Capt. Jenison, that sum, they to be accountable for the same

Voted that the Soldiers who may engage in behalf of this Town, Shall be entitled to receive Grain, & that it be so expressed in the obligations, the former votes notwithstanding

Voted that this Town will indemnify the Commission Officers to this day for not having procured the men

Voted to adjourn to Thursday the 29th Ins^{t}. at 6 o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was adjourned accordingly

Thursday June 29th. The Town met according to adjournment

Upon motion made, the Committee chosen to procure men without the State were discharged from said service

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Saturday the first day of July next, & it was accordingly adjourned to that time

Saturday July 1st. Met according to adjournment

Voted that the first Committee chosen at this meeting be dismissed & that the second Committee, with the addition of Saml. Curtis Esqr. W^{m}. Young Esqr. Deacon Miller & Cornet moore, perform the Services assigned to each of them

Voted to reconsider the vote for giving £27 & no more

The meeting was then dissolved

A true Entry att^{e}. Jos. Allen, T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs, legally warned

& assembled, at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that Lieu^t^. . Grout, Messieurs Saml. Bridge, Wm Dawes, Robt. Gray, & Edward Crafts be a Committee with the militia officers, to procure this Town's quota of militia on the best terms they can

Voted that the Committee chosen at a former Meeting to procure Soldiers for 6 months agree with 5 persons upon the best terms they can, as an additional draft from this Town, for the same time of service

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the 12th Ins^t^. at 1 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned to that time

Wednesday, 12th of July Met according to adjournment

Voted that M^r^. Thomas Knight be of the Committee to procure the three months Soldiers in the room of Lieu^t^. Grout excused at his own motion

Voted that this meeting be further adjourned to Thursday the 20th of July instant, 4 o'Clock P. M. & it was adjourned accordingly

Thursday 20th of July. met according to adjournment

Voted not to allow two pence on the pound to Ja^s^. M^c^Farland

The Meeting was then dissolved

A true entry. att^s^ Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the twelfth day of July, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 20th day of July instant, 5 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned to that time

Thursday July 20th Met according to adjournment

Voted that this Town will indemnify the Select men for what sums they may contract in purchasing this Towns quota of horses[1] and the Interest thereon.

The meeting was then Dissolved

A true entry. Attr Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds be immediately assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town, for the purpose of pay[ing] the Six & three months men their advance money

Voted that the Town Treasurer give Security to such persons as have advanced or shall advance sums of money for the purpose aforesaid

Voted that the Treasurer be, & he is hereby impowered & directed to pay & discharge all securities & obligations by him given as aforesaid, upon application made by the persons to whom the same was given, without any previous application to the Select men, out of the monies assessed & collected as aforesaid.

The foregoing votes, notwithstanding, shall not be considered to operate to prevent the militia Officers making drafts on their respective Companies, if it shall be found necessary for the raising or compleating their respective quotas of men

Then the Meeting was dissolved

A true Entry. Attestr. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

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[1] The town was required to furnish twelve horses for the army.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty, by adjournment from the 29th. day of May last

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to the first monday in October next following

A true entry att^{t} Jos. Allen, T. Clerk

N. B. The Town failed of meeting on the said first of October
Att^{t} Jos. Allen Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government directs in the Choice of a Governour &c legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty

The following persons were voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth, & had the number of votes expressed against their respective names

Hon. John Hancock Esqr. 56 Hon James Bowdoin Esqr. 20.
Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr 1

The following persons were voted for as Lieutenant Governor & had the number of votes expressed against their respective names viz

Hon. James Warren Esqr	23
Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr	28
Hon. Thos. Cushing Esqr	1
Jos. Ball	1

The following persons were voted for as Senators & Councellors and had the number of Votes expressed against their respective names viz

Hon. Moses Gill Esqr.	21	Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr	3
Hon. Saml. Baker Esqr	22	James Tanner	4
Hon. Jos. Dorr Esqr.	21	Jos. Allen	2
Col^{o}. Henry Bromfield	18	Jos. Henshaw Esqr	1
Saml. Curtis Esqr	13	Thos. Legate Esqr.	1
Col^{o} Seth Reed	9	Eph^{m}. Fairbank	1
Hon. Levi Lincoln Esqr	5	Seth Washburn Esqr	1
Col^{o}. Danl. Clap	8	Jos. Wheeler Esqr	1
John Sprague Esqr.	4	Eben^{r}. Crafts Esqr.	1
Genl. Eben^{r}. Learned	5		

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on monday the fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty.

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that M^{r}. William Stearns & Mr David Bigelow be a Committee in behalf of this Town, to make application to the Court of Genl. Sessions of the peace, next to be held in this County, for the removal of Reuben Hoyt, his wife & Child from this Town, agreeable to the article[1] in the Warrant.

Then this meeting was dissolved.

Att^{s}. Jos. Allen T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of September, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

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[1] "To see if the Town will take any measures for the removal of Reuben Hoyt & his wife & Child, they being in indigent Circumstances, & incapable of supporting themselves & who were lately brought to this Town by a warrent from the Town of Shrewsbury."

M^r. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that M^r. John Cunningham, M^r. Nathan Perry & Capt. Ebenezer Lovell, be a Committee to prefer a petition to the Great & General Court, in behalf of this Town, that the Inhabitants thereof may still have leave to complete their quotas of said men respectively, the times in the several resolves mentioned being elapsed, notwithstanding

The Meeting was then dissolved

A true Entry Att^t Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified as the Constitution or form of Government directs in the choice of Representatives, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen to represent this Town at the ensuing General Court

Att^t. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town, on Monday the ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Voted that Messieurs John Cunningham, Nathan Baldwin and Nathan Perry be a Committee to examine sundry accounts produced against the Town, & report at the adjournment

Voted that M^r. James Barber, expend the money[1] mentioned in the third article, as is therein expressed

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[1] Part of the highway tax . . . "for the Town to permit him [James Barber] to expend it in fencing the new road leading from the County road by Joel How's to Rufus Flagg's"

Voted Lieu^{t}. Josiah Peirce, Capt. Saml. Brooks & Capt John Curtis be a Committee to make enquiry into the trespass said to have been made on the Ministerial lands, & report at the adjournment

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the sixteenth day of October instant at one o'Clock P. M.

A true entry, attest, Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the ninth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty

M^{r}. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that Capt. Israel Jennison, Capt. Samuel Brooks, Deacon Samuel Miller, Deacon Jacob Chamberlain, & Capt. Ebenezer Lovell be a Committee to consider of what Sum may be necessary to grant the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty for his Salary the Current year, having regard to the times, & the Circumstances of his family— to report at the adjourn^{t}.

Voted that Messieurs Nathan Perry, Joseph Allen & William Dawes be a Committee to make an estimate of what Sums of Money will be sufficient to discharge the Contracts made with the six & three months Soldiers, & other contingent charges & report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 16th day of October instant, at 2 o'Clock P. M. & it was accordingly adjourned

A true entry, Att^{t}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, begun & held at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the Ninth day of October in the year of our

Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty, & continued by adjournment to the Sixteenth day of the same Month, at one o'Clock P. M. the following votes were passed, viz.

Voted to allow the following accounts viz

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To Levi Lincoln Esqr for his attendance at the State Convention to form a new Constitution of Government	28	0	0
To Joseph Allen for his attendance as aforesaid	28	0	0
To David Bigelow for his attendance as aforesaid, & for his attendance at the Conventions at Concord & Worcester	21	0	0
To Joseph Barber for his attendance at the Convention at Concord	3	12	
To James Moore. Nathl. Brooks & Ephraim Miller, Assessors of this Town for making rates	22	19	9
To William Stearns, Robt. Smith & Nathl. Brooks, late Assessors for making rates	17	8	0
To David Bigelow late an Assessor, for making rates	1	8	0
To Samuel Eaton for boarding his Mother Sarah Eaton, 39 weeks, ending the first day of September last	8	15	6
To John Fisk, for 5 loads of wood supplied the Widow McFadden	2	5	0
To Robt. Smith for 4¼ yds. check linen cloth for the Widow mcFadden	2	0	0
To Jonathan Rice for a bushel of corn supplied Elisha Dunhams family		6	
To Jacob Hemenway for 1025 feet of Bridge Plank, & 4 String pieces for Bridges	9	10	6
To Micah Johnson for 500 feet of plank for Bridges	4	10	0
To William Taylor for 4 50 dollr Counterfeit bills (old Emission) which he recd for publick taxes	1	10	0
New Money	£151	4	9

Voted that the Sum of One hundred & fifty one pounds, in bills of Credit of the last emission, or other Money equivalent, be assessed upon the Polls & estates belonging to this Town to discharge the foregoing accounts.

Voted that the acco^{t}. of Martha Wiley[1] lie to some future time, & that in the mean while the Select Men sell the Cloaths of the deceased, mentioned in said account

Voted not to make any grant on the acco^{t}. of Jon^{a}. Rice (other

[1] For taking care of Margaret Miles.

than that allowed) nor on that of Richard Pratt, Provision having been heretofore made for the payment thereof.

Voted to abate Isaac Moore's tax in William Taylor's list being seven shillings & six pence in bills of the last Emission, said Moore having paid the same else where & that said sum be assessed in the same manner & with the other sums granted at this Meeting

The meeting was then dissolved.

A true Entry, att^{t}. Jos. Allen, T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held on Monday the ninth day of October, & continued by Adjournments to the sixteenth day of the same Month the following votes passed

The Committee appointed to consider of what Sum may be necessary to grant the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty, as a Salary for the present year, reported, that having met on said business & debated the affair, they could not come into any agreement

Thereupon it was voted that the Consideration thereof be recommitted & that the Hon. L. Lincoln Esqr. Capt. Joshua Whitney, Lieut. Josiah Pierce & Jos. Allen be added to the Committee

The Committee heretofore chosen to consider of what sums of Money were necessary to be raised to discharge the Contracts entered into by the Town with those persons who engaged to serve as Soldiers for six Months & three months, having made report the Town took into Consideration that part thereof which relates to the officer being considered as one of the Men in respect to the pay by the Town, & it passed in the negative

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the twenty third day of October instant, at one o'Clock P. M.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun &

held at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty, & continued by adjournment from time to the 23d. day of the same October & then the following votes were passed viz.

Voted, that the report of the Committee appointed to consider what sum may be necessary for the Town to grant the Revd. Mr. Maccarty as a Salary for the present year, be not accepted. vid. file.

Voted that the Sum of Eighty Pounds in bills of Credit of the last emission, or other money equivalent thereto, be granted to the Revd. Mr. Maccarty as his Salary for the present year.

Voted that the further Sum of forty pounds like money be granted to the said Mr. Maccarty in addition to the former sum of Eighty pounds for the present year—& that said sums be assessed

Voted that the Sum of Six hundred & twenty four pounds seven shillings & six pence in bills of Credit of the last emission or other money equivalent thereto be granted, raised & assessed for the purpose of discharging the Contracts made with those persons who engaged to serve as Soldiers for 6 months & 3 months respectively in behalf of this Town.

The meeting was then dissolved

A true entry. attest. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, pursuant to an appointment of the Select Men of Worcester, to perambulate the line between Worcester & Sutton, have attended said service, & begun at Black-Stone River, within the bounds of Jonas Woodward's land, at a heap of Stones, & running North Easterly & renewed the bounds between said Towns to the corner of Appleton's land

April the 27th 1780 — Jonathan Rice, Samuel Goddard, Josiah Goddard, Daniel Greenwood, Jonathan Holman

Entered from the Original &c. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, pursuant to an appointment of the Select Men of Worcester, to perambulate the lines betwixt Worcester & Leicester, have attended said service & began at the north west corner of Worcester, at a heap of Stones on the corner of David Moore's Land, & renewed the bounds betwixt said Towns to the South East corner of Leicester

John Green, Asa Moore } of Worcester — Samuel Denny, Samuel Green, John Lyon } of Leicester

Worcester, april 27th 1780

Entered from the Original ℔r Jos Allen Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, in observance of a notification to us directed by the Select Men of Worcester, have met at the north west corner of Worcester, at a heap of Stones on the corner of David Moore's land, & renewed the bounds between said Worcester & Holden to the north East Corner to a white oak

April 27th 1780 — Richard Flagg, Saml Thompson } Select Men of Holden

Entered from the Origl. ℔ Jos Allen Town Clerk

We the Subscribers, pursuant to an appointment of the Select men of Worcester, to perambulate the line between Worcester & Ward, have attended said service, & begun at Leicester line near the house of Joseph Clark. & renewed the bounds between said Towns to Sutton line.

April the 27th 1780

Jonathan Rice
Joseph Clark
Solomon Bixbee
Benja. Carter

Entered from the Original ℔r Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified as the law directs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty.

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 23^{d} Ins^{t}. 2 o'Clock P. M.

Monday 23^{d}. of Octobe^{r} Met accordingly

Voted that the Sum of Five hundred & twenty nine pounds four shillings in bills of Credit of the last Emission, or other money equivalent thereto be granted, levied & assessed upon the Polls & Estates of this Town, to purchase this Town's quota of Beef[1] agreeably to a late requisition of the General Court

Voted that Messrs. Nathan Patch, Nathaniel Robbins & Josiah Pierce be a Committee to hire money in behalf of this Town & to purchase the Beef aforesaid therewith

Voted that the Assessors be & they hereby are, directed to assess the Polls & Estates in this Town forthwith, to raise the afore granted sum & that the same be paid by the first day of January next.

Voted that Capt. Eben^{r}. Lovell be added to the Committee to purchase S^{d} beef

Voted that Jotham Smith be, & he is hereby released from serving as a Soldier, agreeably to the third article in the Warrant.

Voted that the Committee chosen to purchase beef do not give more than three pounds ℔ hundred weight therefor, unless otherwise directed at the adjournment

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the thirtieth Ins^{t}. at one o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place—& the Meeting was accordingly adjourned.

Monday, Octr 30th 1780. Then met

Voted that M^{r}. David Bigelow be Moderator pro tempore, Saml. Curtis Esqr. being absent.

Voted that the Committee chosen to purchase the beef afores^{d} procure the same in the cheapest & most expeditious manner possible, & lay their accounts before the Town for allowance & payment

[1] "Seventeen thousand six hundred & forty weight of Beef including hides & tallow, or money sufficient to purchase said quantity"

Voted that if the beef the Committee may purchase shall exceed, or fall short of the quantity agreed for, the benefit or loss shall accrue to or be supported by the Town

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday the 13th day of november next

Monday, novr. 13th 1780. The Town having met

Voted that the further Sum of ninety two pounds 11/3 in bills of Credit of the last Emission, or other money equivalent thereto, be assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town in addition to the former grant to procure beef

Voted that the Sum of fourteen pounds, fourteen shillings like money be allowed the Committee aforesaid for their trouble in purchasing beef agreeably to their account.

The meeting was then dissolved

A true Entry attd. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December, A. D. 1780

Mr. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

On a motion made & seconded it was voted that the Town should not be divided into Classes for the purpose of raising the quota of Men assigned this Town by the General Court for the Continental Army

Voted that the quota of Men aforesaid be raised by a General Town tax

Voted that Colonel Flagg, Mr. Nathan Perry, Capt. Whitney, Mr. Samuel Bridge, & Mr. Josiah Peirce be a Committee to know on what terms men will engage in the Continental army for three years or during the war, & what Sum of Money may be necessary for that purpose

Voted that the Militia Officers be a Committee to agree with

Soldiers to engage as aforesaid, & to lay their accompts before the Town at the adjournment, for allowance & payment

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the first day of January next at one o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, att^{e}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780, & continued by adjournment to the first day of January following at one o'Clock P. M. and then met the following Votes were passed viz.

Voted that the second article in the Warrant be referred to the adjournment, & that the Militia Officers in the mean while call their Companies together to know on what terms Soldiers will engage

Voted that Dr. Dix, M^{r}. Asa Ward, Lieu^{t}. Benjamin Stowell, Lieu^{t}. Thomas Wheeler, M^{r}. John Gleason, Lieu^{t}. Pierce Lieu^{t}. Gurney, Dr. John Green, Capt. David Moore & M^{r}. Asa Moore be a Committee to procure monies on the Credit of this Town to enable the Militia Officers to procure this Town's quota of Continental Soldiers

Voted that the Town Treasurer be, & he is hereby directed to give Securities to such persons as shall lend money for the purpose afores^{d}.

Voted, that the Sum of Twelve hundred & Seventy pounds three shillings & three pence in bills of Credit of the last Emission, or other money equivalent thereto be granted raised & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town for the purpose of procuring this Town's quota of beef.

Voted that Messieurs William Taylor, William Stearns & Benjamin Stowell be a Committee to ascertain what allowance ought to be made to those persons who have heretofore lent money to the Town, on account of Depreciation & report at the adjournment.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Fryday the fifth day of January instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, att^{a}. Jos. Allen, Town Cler.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780, & continued by two several adjournments to Fryday the fifth day of January A D. 1781, at 1 o'Clock P. M. & then met the following votes were passed, viz.

Voted that the further Consideration of the article respecting the procuring this Town's quota of Continental Soldiers, be referred to the next adjournment

Voted that the further Consideration of the article respecting the procuring this Town's quota of Beef, be also referred to the next Meeting on adjournment.

Voted not to allow any depreciation on Monies already paid by the Town

Voted that the Consideration of the fourth article[1] in the warrant be continued to the next Meeting on adjournment

Voted that there be no depreciation money allowed to M^{r}. John Nazro as a Committee to procure a School Master in the Town

Voted not to allow Dr. John Green's account, as in the opinion of the Town, the Town of Bolton ought to discharge the same.

Voted that the sum of seven pounds ten shillings in bills of the last Emission or other money equivalent be allowed & paid to the Committee heretofore chosen to purchase beef for this Town, there having been a mistake in their account

Voted that the sum of Forty seven pounds seven shillings & three pence in bills of Credit of the last emission, or other money equivalent thereto be allowed & paid out of the Town Treasury to

[1] In relation to discharging the debts of the town.

Martha Wiley in full of her accompt for boarding, nursing, &c. Margaret Miles, deceased

Voted that the further Consideration of the sixth article be referred to the next Meeting on adjournment

Voted that Samuel Curtis & others of the Southerly School quarter in this Town, be allowed to receive the School money due to them the last year & appropriate the same to that purpose the present year.

Voted that Timothy Paine Esqr. Joshua Bigelow Esqr. & Capt. John Curtis be a Committee to consider what title the Town has to the land on Mill-Stone hill, & report at the meeting on adjournment.[1]

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the sixteenth day of January instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a true entry att^{d} Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780. & continued by several adjournments to Tuesday the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1781, & then met, the following votes were passed, viz

Voted to choose a Committee of twenty three persons to assist the Militia Officers in procuring this Town's quota of men for three years or during the War

Voted that the following persons be a Committee for that purpose

William McFarland	William Stearns	Levi Houghton	Joel How
Charles Stearns	Jona Rice	Josiah Flagg	Thomas Knight
Nathan Patch	Jos. Barber	Wm Gates	David Bigelow
Nathl Brooks	Edwd Crafts	Robt Smith	Nathl Robins
Saml Goddard	Josiah Harrington	Lient Gurney	John Moore
Capt Grout	Benja. Stowell	Joseph Ball	

[1] Article in the warrant: "For the Town to take such measures as they shall judge proper, to prosecute any persons who have Committed, or that shall hereafter commit any trespasses upon mill-stone hill (so called) being the property of this Town."

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the 22[d] day of January instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the Meeting was adjourned accordingly

A true Entry, Att[e]. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty one

M[r]. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator.

Voted that Messieurs David Bigelow, Nathan Baldwin & William Stearns be a Committee to petition the General Court, in behalf of this Town for relief[1] as expressed in the Second article of the Warrant.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 22[d] day of January instant, at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & it was accordingly adjourned

A true entry, att[e]. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the 22[d] day of January A. D. 1781. & then met.

On a motion made & seconded, to rescind the vote for procuring this Town's quota of Continental Soldiers by a general Town tax, which vote was passed on the 25th day of December last, & the question being put, it passed in the negative

[1] " . . . . on account of their having been assessed by Government for some time past in greater Sums of money than the Town apprehend to be their just proportion, & of being called upon for a proportionably larger number of Men for the publick service."

Voted that Capt. Eben^{r}. Lovell, Capt. Saml. Brooks & M^{r}. Phinehas Ward be, & they are hereby appointed a Committee to purchase this Town's quota of beef, & they are desired to inform the Town at the adjournment whether they can procure the same at one hundred & thirty five pounds old Currency per hundred weight.

Voted that the Committee chosen at the last Meeting to procure this Town's quota of Soldiers, together with the militia Officers still exert themselves to effect the same, & report at the adjournment.

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the twenty ninth day of January instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1781. & continued by adjournment to Monday the 22^{d} day of the same January at two o'Clock P. M. & then met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the twenty ninth day of the same January at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

A true entry att^{s}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty ninth day of December A. D. 1780. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the twenty ninth day of January 1781 at one o'Clock P. M. & then met.

A motion was made & seconded that the Town would rescind their vote passed on the twenty fifth day of December last, for procuring their quota of Continental Soldiers by a general Town tax, & the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative

It was then voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the fifth day of February next, at one o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true entry. att^{e}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January A. D. 1781. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the twenty ninth day of January aforesaid, at two o'Clock P. M. & then met.

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the fifth day of February next, at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned.

A true entry att^{e} Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December, A. D. 1780. and continued by adjournment from time to time, to Monday the fifth day February One thousand Seven hundred & eighty one, & then met.

A motion was made & seconded that the Town would reconsider their vote passed on the twenty fifth day of December last, for procuring their quota of Continental Soldiers by a general Town tax, and the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

It was then voted to class the Inhabitants agreeably to the Resolve giving liberty therefor.

Voted that the Select men, the Assessors, & the Commissioned Officers of the Militia, be a Committee to divide the Town into classes

Voted that no two persons of the Committee of twenty nine, heretofore chosen to procure Soldiers, be in one & the same Class

Voted that no class have liberty to procure a Man out of any other Class that shall not have procured their man.

Voted that Messieurs Nathan Perry, Samuel Bridge, Joseph Allen, John Cunningham & William Young Esq^{rs}. be a Committee to ascertain what sum of money will be satisfactory to those Soldiers who engaged to serve for this Town for 6 months & three months respectively, in lieu of Grain

Voted that some of the Inhabitants of the Gore (so called) have leave (if they see cause) to be present when the Committee attend to the business of classing

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Fryday the ninth day of February instant, at one o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true entry att^{t}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1781. & continued by adjournment from time to time to Monday the fifth day of February following at two o'Clock P. M. & then met;

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Fryday the ninth day of February instant, at two o'Clock P. M. then to meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry, Att^{t}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A. D. 1780, and continued from thence by adjournment from time to time, to Fryday the ninth day of February A. D. 1781, & then met

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure this Town's quota of Beef purchase the same as cheap as may be, not exceeding One hundred & fifty pounds Old Currency ℔ 100.^{wt}

Voted that the Money (which is already granted) to purchase this Town's quota of beef be assessed as soon as may be, on the Polls and Estates in this Town, & that the same be paid into the Town Treasury, on or before the first day of April next.

On a motion made & seconded, that the vote of this Town passed on the fifth instant for classing the Inhabitants, be reconsidered, the question was put thereon, & it passed in the negative.

Voted that Deacon Samuel Miller, Joseph Allen & Lieu^{t}. Thomas Wheeler be a Committee to take into Consideration the seventh article in the Warrant, relative to an additional grant being made to M^{r}. James McFarland Collector of Publick taxes, for reasons therein set forth; and that said Committee at the next annual march meeting make report thereon.

Voted that the Committee chosen to ascertain what allowance ought to be made to those persons who have heretofore lent monies to the Town, on account of Depreciation, be a Committee also to consider what may be proper to be done respecting the Interest of money arising from the sale of ministerial & School lands & due to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty on the first day of nov^{r}. A. D. 1778 the said m^{r}. maccarty having declined receiving the nominal Sum thereof.

The Committee appointed to consider what title the Town has to the land on mill-stone hill made report in the words following viz.

"The Committee appointed to examine into the right & title "the Town has to mill-Stone hill, beg leave to report, that the "Proprietors of the common & undivided land in Worcester, on "the last Tuesday of Sepr. 1733. "voted *that one hundred acres of "the poorest land on mill Stone hill be left common for the use of "the Town for building Stones.* besides which your Committee do "not find that the Town hath any right to said Millstone hill, but "what they derive from said vote.[1] and that the Inhabitants of said "Town have enjoyed the privilege of getting Stone from said Hill

[1] See Volume III., Collections of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, pages 235 and 308 to 311.

"without any molestation from the said Proprietors or those that "claim Said Hill by virtue of a sale thereof made by a Committee "of said Proprietors

Which report, having been read, was accepted.

It was then voted that this Meeting be dissolved, & it was dissolved accordingly.

A true entry, Att^{t}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty one & continued by Adjournment from time to time, to Fryday the ninth day of February following, & then met.

The Committee chosen to ascertain what Sum of Money will be satisfactory to those Soldiers who engaged in behalf of this Town, respectively for 6 months & three months made report, which is on file:

Thereupon It was voted that the further sum of three hundred & thirty nine pounds nine shillings & nine pence, in bills of Credit, or other money equivalent thereto, be granted for the purpose of discharging the Contracts made with said Soldiers, & that the said Sum be levied & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town

On a Motion made & seconded, the third article[1] in the Warrant was dismissed

It was then voted that this Meeting be dissolved, & it was thereupon dissolved accordingly

A true Entry Attest^{r}. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, legally warned, &

[1] To allow "the Collector . . . . to receive in lieu of Rates, notes given by this Town to the Soldiers aforesaid."

assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & eighty one

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure this Town's quota of Beef exert themselves to effect the same & report at the adjournment of this Meeting what quantity they can procure, & at what price.

On a motion made & seconded, Voted that Lieu^t^. Josiah Pierce be added to the Committee for procuring this Town's quota of Beef.

Voted that the Committee appointed to procure the beef aforesaid, be, & they hereby are directed to purchase the same in the best way & manner they can.

Voted that Benjamin Crosby be, & he is hereby allowed to get so much firewood as will serve him for one year, of such wood as is already down in the School lot, & under the inspection of M^r^. Nathan Patch.

Voted to choose three persons to meet at the house of the Widow Stearns, on the second Wednesday of March instant.

Thereupon the following persons were voted for said purpose, viz. Messieurs David Bigelow, Joshua Whitney & Josiah Pierce.

It was then voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday the 12th. day of March instant, at three o'Clock P. M. & the meeting was accordingly adjourned to that time, then to meet at this place.

A true Entry, Attest^r^. Jos. Allen, Town Clerk.

At a publick Town Meeting held at the Meeting house in Worcester on monday the twelfth day of march A. D 1781 to act on the Several Articles in the Warrant for said Meeting

On the First article Chose M^r^. David Bigelow Moderator of said Meeting

Deacon Samuel Miller Leu^{t}. Nathan Perry M^{r}. Willm McFarland Leu^{t}. Samuel Brown M^{r}. John Gleazen Select men and Overseers of the Poor

Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

M^{r}. Ephraime Miller Capt. Ebenezar Lovell M^{r}. John Chamberline Assessors

Leu^{t}. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

M^{r}. Daniel Heywood M^{r}. Nathan Patch Constables

Voted to Choose one Collector of Taxes

Chose M^{r}. Nathan Patch which Service he has agreed to do For Two pence on the pound

M^{r}. Joseph Allen M^{r}. Nathan Baldwin M^{r}. Isaiah Thomas Comittee of Correspondence

M^{r}. Samuel Bridge Capt. Joshua Whitney Clarks of the Market

M^{r}. Samuel Goddard M^{r}. Joseph Ball M^{r}. William Mahan M^{r}. John Gleazen M^{r}. Isaac Knight M^{r}. James Mcfarland Capt. Samuel Mower M^{r}. Jonathan Gates M^{r}. Benjamine Stowell M^{r}. Thadeas Chamberlane M^{r}. Nathaniel Brooks M^{r}. Daniel Harris Surveyors of highways & Collectors of highway Taxes.

M^{r}. Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

M^{r}. Solomon Bigsbee M^{r}. Phineas Ward Surveyors of Bords & Shingles

Voted that the Sum of Ten thousand pounds in the old Emition of Continental Currentcy be granted to be levied on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the purpose of keeping the highways in Repair

Voted that Nine pounds be the price of one days Labour at the highways p^{r}. man Oxen & Carts & plows in the usual proportion

Voted that those that have over worked their last years Tax be allowed in this years Tax & those that have not worked out their Last years tax be allowed to work it out this year

Voted For a County Treasurer

Voted For a Register of Deeds & Conveyances of Lands

Voted that this Meeting be adjorned to Thursday Next at one OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjorned to that time then to meet at this Place

A True entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Fifth day of march, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment to monday the Twelfth day of the same march at three OClock in the afternoon & Then Met

Voted that This Meeting be further adjourned to Thursday the Fiftenth day of the Same march at three OClock, P, M, & then To meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^{t}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester quallified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on monday the Twelfth day of march A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment to Thursday the Fifteenth day of the same march at one OClock & then Met

First Chose Wardens

Leu^{t}. Thomas Wheler M^{r}. Jonathan Gates Wardens

M^{r}. Josiah Perry M^{r}. James Barber Tythingmen

M^{r}. William Mahan M^{r}. Isaac Knight Fence Viewers

M^{r}. Jacob Holmes M^{r}. Josiah Flagg Field drivers

M^{r}. Joseph Ball M^{r}. John Stanton Deer Reaves

Mrs Benjamine Whitney Jur. Elijah Flagg John Elder Samuel Fullerton William Quigley John Parker Solomon Smith John Stearns Jur. Isaac Flagg Hog Reaves

Voted that the Sum of Four Thousand pounds in the old Emition of Continental Currentcy be raised for the Support of Schooling the Currant year

Voted that the Sum granted to Support Schooling be Levied on the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town

Voted that the money granted for the Support of Schooling be proportioned in the Same way & manner it was the Last year

M^r^. Joseph Allen M^r^. Ebenezar Barber M^r^. Daniel Beard Leu^t^. Nathaniel Harrington M^r^. Samuel Mower Ju^r^. Capt. Ebenezar Lovell Capt. Samuel Brooks M^r^. Stephen Dexter M^r^. John Chamberline M^r^. Joel How a Comitte to procure & Support Schooling in the Several Districks in this Town.

Voted that Capt. Samuel Brooks be a Comitte to provide a gramer Master & that the gramer School begin at his Quarter

Voted to Choose three For a Comitte to Settle with the Town. Treasurer & then Chose the three Following Gentlemen, M^r^. Joseph Allen M^r^. Nathaniel Brooks & Capt Joshua Whitney

Voted the Swine Should go at Large the present year being yoked and Ringed according to Law

Voted to accept of & allow Cornet Moors account which Sum is Ninety Pounds in the old Emition of Continental Currentcy For Thirty weight of Pork dd to Elisha Dunham

Voted to Supply the pulpit During the Time that M^r^. Maccarty is not able to Supply it & Choose a Comitte for Said Purpose

Voted the Comitte Consist of three to Supply the pulpit then Chose the three Following Gentlemen Deacon Miller Deacon Chamberline & Capt Curtis

Voted to Accept the Report of the Comitte appointed by the Town to Estamate what sum of money ought to be allowed M^r^. James Macfarland Collector of Taxes The Report is as Follows

We the Subscribers a Comitte appointed by the Town of Worcester to Estimate what Sum of money in addition to that Stipulated in march last, ought to be allowed M^r^. James Macfarland Collecter of Taxes the Currant year have attended the duty assigned us & beg leave to report as follows that it appears to your Comitte that Ten Taxes to the amount of two Hundred & forty Thousand

three hundred & twenty pounds old Currency, or Six thousand & Eighty pounds New money have been Committed to him to Collect that Considering the great number of Taxes the largeness of their amount & the difficulty attending the Collecting them your Comitte are unanimously of Opinion that the Sum of Fifty pounds New money ought to be allowed the Said Mcfarland For his Said Services he relinqueshing the Sum Voted at the Last annual March Meeting & Collecting all the Taxes Committed to him

Sam[ll] Miller P[r]. Order

Article 13th. Voted to Accept of a Bridle Road[1] Laid out by the Select Men as is Set Forth in the warrant it being no Cost to the Town

Article 14th.[2] Voted to Choose a Committee to go & Vew the gate mentioned in the Warrant & make report to the Town Chose Cap[t]. Sam[l]. Brooks

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to the First Monday in April Next at two OClock in the afternoon then to Meet at this place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned to that time & Place

A true Entry Att[e] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the Fifth day of march, A. D. 1781. & Continued by adjournment From Time to Time to This Fifteenth Day of the Same March at three OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to monday the Second day of Next April at three OClock P. M. then to Meet at this Place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned to that Time & Place A True Entry: Att[e]. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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[1] From land of Joseph Blair to the county road.

[2] To see if the town would reconsider a vote allowing a gate to be set up on the road from the cross-road to Jacob Hemenway's.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Twelfth day of March A. D, 1781 & continued by adjournment From Time to Time to this Second day of April at two OClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to Monday the the Ninth Day of this Instant April at two OClock in the afternoon then to Meet at this Place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town on monday the Fifth day of march A. D. 1781 & Continued by adjournment From Time to time to this Second day of April at three OClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to monday The Ninth day of this Instant April at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government Directs in the Choice of Governor &c, legally warned and assembled at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on monday the Second day of April at one of the Clock in the afternoon in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one, The Following persons were Voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth & had the Number of Votes expressed against their respective Names

Hon John Hancock Esqr. 48 Hon James Bowdoin Esqr. 4 Nathaniel Moor 1

The Following Persons were Voted for as Lieu^{t}. Governor & had the Number of Votes expresed against their respective Names

Hon Thomas Cushing Esqr. 41 Azor Orne Esqr. 2

The Following persons were Voted for as Senators & Councellors & had the Number of Votes expresed against their respective Names

Henery Bromfield Esqr.	1	M^{r}. James Tanner	8
Saml. Curtis Esqr.	19	Joseph Henshaw Esqr.	1
Thomas Legate Esqr.	3	Jon^{a}. Grout Esqr.	1
Seth Washburn Esqr.	7	Eben^{r}. Crafts Esqr.	1
M^{r}. David Bigelow	9	John Sprague Esqr.	6
Genl. Eben^{r}. Learnard	3	Saml. Baker Esqr.	35
Hon Levy Lincoln Esqr.	6	Moses Gill Esqr.	34
Mr Israel Nichols	2	Joseph Dorr Esqr.	29
Joseph Allen Esqr.	6		

It was then Voted that this meeting be dissolved, & it was thereupon Dissolved accordingly

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, quallified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday the Twelfth day of march, A, D, 1781 & continued by adjournments from time to time to this ninth day of April at two oClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted to make an addition of three to the Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer Then Chose the three following Gentlemen Timothy Paine Esqr. Capt. Ebenezar Lovell & Lie^{tt}. Nathan Perry

Voted that the committee Chose to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer be Dirrected to examine & receive the accounts of the committe Chose to hire & pay the Six & three month Men

Voted that their be an addition of two to the Committe Chose to ascertain what allowance ought to be made to those persons who have heretofore Lent money to the Town then Chose M^r^. Ephraime Miller & M^r^. James Moor for said addition

Voted to allow M^r^. Ephraime Mower the Sum of Eighteen Shillings of the New Emission for Transporting a woman & Child from Worcester to Shrewsbury

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourned to monday the fifteenth day of this Instant April at Four OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place, & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^d^ Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Fifth day of march A, D, 1781 & continued by adjournment From time to time to This Ninth day of April at three OClock in the afternoon & Then Met

Voted that the Town Treasurer Forward the money he Shall Receive From the Collector For the purpose of raising of Beef to the agent or his Deputies

Then Voted that this Meeting be dissolved and it was thereupon Dissolved accordingly

A True Entry Att^d^ Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

M^r^. David Bigelow was chosen Moderator

Then Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the

Sixteenth day of April Instant at half after Four OClock in the afternoon & the meeting was accordingly adjourned to that Time then to meet at this Place

A True Entry att[e] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick meeting house in Said Town, on monday the twelfth day of march, A. D. 1781 and continued by adjournment from time to time to monday this Sixteenth day of April at Four OClock in the afternoon, & Then Met

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed to Settle with the Town Treasurer which Report is as Follows

Worcester April 16th. 1781 We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Town of Worcester to Settle with Cap[t]. W[m]. Gates Town Treasurer for the year 1780 have attended Said Service & find that the Several Assessments made on the Inhabitants of Said Town and the money he received of Sam[l]. Curtis Esq[r] together with the Ballance due to the Town at the last Settlement with D[r]. John Green his immediate predecessor in office including outstanding Taxes in W[m]. Taylors hands amounts to the Sum of four thousand two hundred & ninety three pounds one Shilling & Eight pence half penny New Emission that he has discharged himself provided the foregoing account is approved of by the Town of part of Said Sum, viz. of Twelve hundred & four pounds & nine pence So that there is a balance due to the Town on this Settlement of three thousand and Eighty nine pounds & Eleven pence half penny New Emission which Said Treasurer is further to account for

Errors Excepted

Jos. Allen, Benj[a]. Flagg, Tim[o]. Paine, Nathan Perry } Committe for Said Purpose

Part of the above Balance is in M^r^. Nathan Patches hands Being 1664,, 10,, 3
Part in W^m^. Taylors being 137,, 4,, 1
} New money
and the deficiency to make the Sum of £3089-0-11½ in James Mcfarlands hands which they are Severally to account with the Present Treasurer for or his Successors

Voted to accept the Report of the committe appointed to Examine the accounts of the Comitte for hireing the Six months men & that the Select men give M^r^. Joseph Allen an order For the Ballance due to Mr Filmore on the Town Treasurer which Sum is £483-4-0 old money The Report is as Follows

The Comitte appointed to Examine the accounts of the Comitte for hireing the Six months men Report that they Borrowed money of Sundry Persons to pay the Bounty amounting to £7496-16 that they have paid to Sundry Soldiers including thirty Eight Bushels of Corne paid by M^r^. Allen to M^r^. Filmore. the Sum of £7980 by which it appears there is a Ballance due to M^r^. Allen one of S^d^. Comitte the Sum of £483-4 & it is the opinion of the S^d^ Comitte that the Town Give Direction that the Select men make out an order to the Town Treasurer to S^d^ allen for ye Payment of S^d^ Sum the above Sums are old money

April. 15th. 1781 all which is Submitted

Tim^o^. Paine
Nathan Perry
Benj^a^. Flagg

Voted to Choose a Committe to Consist of three to apply for the Six months mens wages & deliver them to the Town Treasurer then Chose the three Following Gentlemen for Said Purpose M^r^. Allen Esqr Curtis & Esqr. Paine

Voted that the Comitte Chose to hire the three months men be impowered to give them orders on the present Town Treasurer and be accountable to the Town for the Same & that Said Comitte be impowered to Receive the three months mens Wages of Capt. Grout and be accountable to the Town for the Same

Voted to allow the Following accounts viz

To Benja. Flagg Jur. for 133 lb of Pork Delivered to Mr. Elisha Dunham	£259	7	0
To Benja. Flagg Jur. for 1 Bushel of Rye dd the Comitte for hireing the Six months Men	£ 22	10	0
old money	£281	17	0

Voted that the Select men Give M[r]. Benjamine Flagg Ju[r]. an order on the Town Treasurer

Voted to allow Mr. James Tracy for Ringing the Meeting house Bell From march 1780 to march 1781	£90	0	0

Voted to accept the Report of the Select men Respecting the money arising From the Sale of Ministerial & School Lands

Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed Respecting the Select mens Report of the money arising From the Sale of Ministerial and School Lands

Voted that M[r]. James Mcfarland be added to the Committe For making the depreciation to those that heretofore Lent money to the Town in the Room of M[r]. Stearns

Voted that Cap[t]. Ebenezar Lovell M[r]. Nathan Patch & M[r]. Nathaniel Brooks be a Comittee to see what Terms Colo Henshaw will Settle upon & make Report to the Town

It was then Voted that this Meeting be dissolved & it was there upon dissolved accordingly

A True Entry att[e] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Ninth day of April, A. D. 1781 & Continued by adjournment to monday the Sixteenth day of the Same April at half after Four OClock P. M. & Then Met

A motion was made & Seconded that the minds of the Town be Taken in Regard of M[r]. Thomas Richardsons being Considered

as a Neglecting Individual & the question being put thereon it passed in the Negative

Voted that Samuel Plum Aaron Smith Abraham Gale & Anthony Williams be Neglecting Individuals & that the assessors Immediately assess them the Sums they were Sever[a]ly assessed in the Clases which they Belong to with an addition of half Said Sum

Voted that Ritchard Harris be dismised From the Class he Belongs to Free From Cost

It was Then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was thereupon Dissolved accordingly

A true Entry Att^{t} Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified as the Constitution Directs in the Choice of Representatives legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town, on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was Chosen to Represent this Town at the ensueing General Court

attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

Samuel Curtis Esqr. was Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Examine the accounts that Shall be Brought in against the Town at this Meeting likewise the Request of M^{r}. James Quigly in Regard to a Child of Mrs Brooks and make Report to the Town then Chose the three following Gentlemen for Said purpose M^{r}. Nathan Perry Timothy Paine Esqr. & Capt. John Curtis

Voted that the Sum of one hundred pounds Lawfull Money be granted to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty for his Salery the current year to be paid in Solid Money or other money Equivalent

Voted that the Select men provide Some person to Ring the Bell the Current year

Voted that the Select men procure Some person to take Care of the Burrying Ground the Current year

Voted to accept of the List For Jurymen that the Select men have accibited to the Town and also the list of the Forth part to Serve for Jurys at the Superior Court See File

Voted that the Present Select men be a Committee to Settle with the old Select men with regard to past Deficiences in regard to the Moneys Arising From the Sale of Ministerial & School Lands & make Report to the Town

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of Five to See what Terms they Can Settle with those who have lent money to the Town then Chose the Following persons Capt. Joshua Whitney M^{r}. Asa Moore M^{r}. Benjamine Stowell Capt. Samuel Mower & M^{r}. Nathan Baldwin

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the Twenty Eighth Day of this Instant may at one of the Clock in the after noon then to meet at this Place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester quallified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in said Town, on tuesday the fifteenth day of may A, D, 1781 and Continued by adjournment to monday the Twenty Eighth day of the Same may at one of the Clock in the afternoon & Then Met the Following Votes were passed Viz

Voted to allow the following accounts & that they be allowed in Sollid Money & paid in Sollid money or other money Equivalent viz

To Othaniel Taylor for keeping Ruben Hoit his wife & Child six weeks at 12/ pr week	3	12	0
To Lydia Taylor for boarding Ruben Hoit his wife & Child 20 weeks & one day & Nurs 2 weeks	12	0	9
To David Bigelow for boarding Rubin Hoit his wife & Child 2 weeks	1	4	0
To Ritchard Prat for boarding & Nursing Ruben Hoit his wife & Child & for Sundrys & Trouble	4	15	1
To Jedediah Healey for a Coffin for Ruben Hoit	0	9	0
To Doctr. John Green for journeys to Ruben Hoit and medicen	6	8	1
To Thomas Wheler for making Rates & Finding paper & money Expended	1	2	0
To James Moore Nathaniel Brooks & Ephraim Miller for making Rates Settleing a Valuation & paper	6	15	0
To James Quigley for the maintainence of a Child of Agness Brookes 40 weeks at 3/ pr. week Ending 1781 28th of may	6	0	0
To William Johnson for Sundrys he Relinquishing all former Grants	2	1	7
	£44	7	6

Voted that the account of David Bigelow Joshua Whitney & Josiah Peirce lye for the present

Voted to allow Leu^{t}. Josiah Pierce the money that he Lent to the Town Eaquail to what it was when Lent with interest till paid

Voted to allow Leu^{t} Nathan Perry the money that he Lent to the Town Equail to what it was when lent with interest till paid & that the Town Receives the money he owes to the Town at the Same Rate

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of Five to Licquedate the accounts & Demands that lye against the Town & See what they are in Sollid Money & make Report to the Town then Chose the following Persons Mrs Joseph Allen James Moore Isaiah Thomas Timothy Paine Esqr. & Capt. John Curtis

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly

A True Entry attst Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Worcester April 16th 1781

Sir, We have this day licensed Mr. Saml. Bridge as an Auctioneer in this Town for the Term of one year & have taken Sufficient bonds of Said Bridge for the faithfull discharge of his trust in Said Capacity & Direct you to record this in the Town Book

To Mr. Daniel Goulding
Town Clerk

Saml. Miller
Nathan Perry
Wm Mcfarland
Saml Brown
John Gleason
} Select men of Worcester

A True Entry from the original att. Daniel Goulding T Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one the Following Votes were passed Viz

Joseph Allen Esqr. Chose Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of three to Draw a peticion to Send to the General Court in regard of the Towns being over Taxed & Lay it before the Town at the adjournment of this meeting then Chose Mr Joseph Allen David Bigelow & Nathan Perry for said purpose

Voted that the Militia Officers be a Committee to procure Soldiers for the Service at Rode Island in the Best way & manner they Can

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to thursday next at Four oClock, P, M, & it was adjourned accordingly

a True entry att. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment to Thursday the Twelfth day of the Same July at Four OClock, P. M, and then Met then the Following Votes were passed, Viz

Voted on the 2d. Article to Raise the Towns Quota of Beef according to the Requisition of the General Court June the 22d. 1781

Voted to pay for the Beef that Shall be Raised in hard money

Voted that the Sum of Four hundred pounds in Gold or Silver be granted Raised assessed on the Polls & Estates in this Town and paid in by the first day of January Next For the purpose of Raising this Towns Quota of Beef

Voted that Colo Ebenezar Lovell & Capt. Joshua Whitney be a Committee to procure the Beef mentioned in the warrant and that the Town will indemnify them

Voted that the Committee deliver the first requisition of Beef on the 19th of this Instant July at Swans Tavern in Leicester in the morning - to Colo Jacob Davis

Voted that the Committee be directted to procure & Deliver the former deficiences of beef to Said Davis at the Time & place above mentioned

Voted that the Committee aforesaid procure & Deliver the Other monthly requisitions of Beef when called for

Voted that a Committee be Chosen to know on what terms Soldiers will engage, whether they will take produce, what Sum of money will be necessary to be paid down & whether they can hire a Sum in hard money for that purpose

Voted that the Militia officers be a Committee to Raise the men for head Quarters

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the 16th of July Instant at 2 OClock, P, M, then to meet at this Place & it was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attt Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time

to time to monday the Sixteenth of the Same July at two OClock P, M, & then Met the Following Votes were passed Viz.

Voted that the Melitia Officers be a Committee to raise the men on the Best terms they can and hire money for to pay Said men upon the Town Security & be paid by the Town for their Trouble

Voted to Reconsider So mutch of the last Vote as Relates to the Melitia Officers hireing money to raise the men

Voted to Choose a Committee to hire money to pay the men and that the Committee Consist of three

Voted that the Town Treasurer be impowered to Receive the money that Shall be Subscribed for hireing the men & give Securitys in behalf of the Town with intrest

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the 23^{d} of this Instant July at Four OClock, P, M, then to meet at this Place & it was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry att^{t} Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Ninth day of July A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time to time to monday the 23^{d} of the Same July at Four OClock P. M. & Then Met the Following Votes were passed, Viz

Voted that the Militia officers be impowered to Receive of M^{r}. James Macfarland part of the hard money Tax for the Purpose of hireing Soldiers Eaquil to twenty Dollars p^{r}. man & that the Town indemnify Said Macfarland

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Directed to give Securitys to the men that Shall be hired for the Remaining part they do not Receive in behalf of the Town

Voted that the Sum of Four hundred & Fourteen Pounds in Silver or gold be granted for the purpose of Raising Soldiers & that Said Sum be imediately levied and assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town & one third part of Said Tax imeaditly Collect-

ed & the Remainder as Soon as posable & So mutch of the First part paid to M^r. James Macfarland as he Shall have payed to the Committee for the purpose of hireing Men

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Sixth day of august Next at Four OClock, P. M. then to meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^d Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the Ninth day of July A. D. 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time to Time to monday the Sixth day of august A. D. 1781 at Four OClock P, M, and then Met the Following Votes were passed, Viz

Voted that the Sum of one hundred & Ninety Seven pounds ten Shillings in Silver or gold be granted Raised & assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town & Collected before the First day of January Next For the purpose of paying for the Horses that the Select men procured the last year according to a Resolve of the General Court.

Voted that This Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the thirteenth day of this Instant august at Four OClock, P. M. then to meet at this place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att^d. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Quallified to vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the ninth day of July 1781 and continued by adjournment from time to time to monday the thirteenth day of august, A. D. 1781 at Four OClock P. M. & then Met then the Following Votes were passed Viz

Voted that the Sum of one hundred & Sixteen pounds Five Shillings & Four pence in Gold or Silver be granted for the purpose of purchasing this town Quota of Cloathing & that Said Sum be levied and assessed upon the Polls & Estates in this Town

Voted that the Select men Deliver the Collector a Scadule of the persons that they purchase Cloathing of & the Sum that they agree to give them for Said Cloathing & the Collector allow the persons mentioned in Said Scadule the Sum Set against their Name towards their Taxes

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to thursday the thirtyeth day of this Instant august at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry att[e] Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Ninth day of July, A, D, 1781 & Continued by adjournment From time to time to thursday the thirtyeth day of august A D. 1781 at two OClock P. M. & then Met The Following Votes were passed Viz

Voted to accept of the petition that the Committee have drawed up & that the Said petition be Recorded in the Town Book The Petition is as Follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts } To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth afores[d]. in General Court assembled

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Humbly Shews

That for Several years last past your petitioners have been called upon by Government for larger Sums of money & greater numbers of Soldiers than their Just proportion which they can make evidently to appear if your Honors would indulge them with an opportunity therefor your petitioners have heretofore applied to your Honors for relief but are informed that their omission in not returning a valuation in the year 1778 bars them from a possibility

of redress a curcumstance so unfortunate to your petitioners as impels them as well to vindicate themselves from any supposed contumacy towards Government as to open a way to their relief, to State that matter in its Just light. The Town knew nothing of of the omission of the assessors with respect to the valuation before mentioned until a disproportionate assessment led them to enquire into the cause of your petitioners afterwards called upon the assessors whose duty it was to have returned the valuation to declare their motives for the Supposed neglect, & were by them informed that the orders for taking a new valuation did not reach them in season your petitioners would beg leave to observe that admitting that the assessors were culpable, as it was without the consent or even Knowledge of the Town yet in their apprehension they have a full claim to be considered & relieved in the premises, your petitioners therefore again most earnestly pray your Honors to take their case into your wise consideration & as they wish not to elude the burthen of the day, that a full enquiry may be made as to the Justice of their complaint & that they may experience that equity which they apprehend their case intitles them to both with respect to future taxes & those that have been made since the last general valuation & as in duty bound your petitioners Shall ever pray

At a Meeting of The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally assembled on Thursday the thirtieeth day of august A. D. 1781

Voted that the foregoing petition be presented to Sam[l]. Curtis Esq[r]. who is requested to lay the Same before the General Court at the next Session Attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee Chose to hire the Five & three months men See File, & that Said Committee be discharged the Sums they have Received from M[r]. Macfarland for Said purpose

Voted to allow the following accounts Viz

to John Gleason for hireing men & Expences	£3 3 0
to Joshua Whitney for hireing men & Expences	6 0 0
	£9 3 0

it was then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was thereupon dissolved accordingly

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one

Deacon Jacob Chamberline was chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to make examination into the Debts & Credits of this Town & to lequedate & bring them into hard money then Chose the Following Gentlemen for Said purpose Joseph Allen Esqr., Leu^{t}. Thomas Wheler, Colo Ebenezar Lovell Timothy Paine Esqr. M^{r}. John Stanton & Voted that Said Committee take into Consideration the Re^{v}. M^{r}. Maccartys Letter

Voted to allow the Revn^{d}. M^{r}. Millen the Sum of Twelve pounds twelve Shillings Solid money for Supplying the pulpit Seven days

Voted that the assessors be directed to Lequedate all the paper money grants & bring them into hard money that have not been assessed

Voted that all the grants that have not been assessed be Levied and assessed on the polls & Estates in this Town

Voted to Supply the pulpip During the Indisposition of the Re^{v}. M^{r}. Maccarty & Voted that the Sum of Twenty pounds in Solid money be granted for Said purpose & that the Same be Levied and assessed on the polls and Estates in this Town

Voted that their be a Contribution for the purpose of Supplying the Pulpit and those that Contribute & put their Names on their money be allowed the Sum the[y] Contribute out of their Tax

Voted that the two Deacons of this Church be a Committee to Supply the pulpit During the Indisposition of the Re^{v}. M^{r}. Maccarty

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the Eighth day of October Next at two OClock, in the afternoon then to Meet at this Place & the Meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True entry att^{t}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Quallified to vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty one

M^{r}. David Bigelow was Chosen Moderator

Voted that if one Fourth parte of the Training Band Martch according to Colo Ebenezar Lovels Orders that they be paid by This Town a hire from the Time they martch to the Time they are properly discharged in proportion to the three months men & be allowed a Reasonable time to Come home and [be] paid

then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved

A True entry att^{t}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Tenth day of September A. D. 1781 and Continued by adjournment to monday the Eighth day of the October Following at two OClock in the afternoon & then met

Voted that M^{r}. Samuel Goddard be desired to wait upon the Towns Committee and inform them the Town is Ready to Receive their Report

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Second of this Presint October at two oClock in the afternoon then to meet at this place & it was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry Attest Daniel Goulding T Clerk

Mit according to the above adjournment Octobe[r] 22[d] 1781

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Fifth day of November Next at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Legally warned and assembled at the Publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty Second Day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one

M[r]. Nathan Perry was Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Prevent a Roads being Laid out through parte of the Town of Worcester & that Said Committee consist of three then Chose M[r]. David Bigelow Deacon Jacob Chamberline & Cap[t]. Joshua Whitney for Said Committee

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Fifth day of November Next at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Met according to the above adjournment November 5th. 1781

Voted that the Select men be Desired to call upon the old Select men for a Settlement in regard to the money arrising from the Sale of the ministerial & School Lands

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Sixth day of this Instant November at one OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, begun & held at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the

tenth day of September A, D, 1781 and Continued by adjournment From time to Time to monday the Fifth Day of the November Following at three OClock in the afternoon & then Met

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Sixth Day of this Instant November at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty Second day of October in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty One and Continued by adjournment from time to time to monday the Twenty Sixth day of the November Following at One OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted to Choose a Committee to appear at Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Worcester on the first tuesday of December Next to Remonstrate against a Roads being Laid out by the Courts Committee through parte of the Town of Worcester Voted that Said Committee Consist of three Persons then Chose Levi Lincoln Esqr. Deacon Jacob Chamberline & Samuel Curtis Esqr. to be a Committee For Said purpose

Voted that for the Future the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccartys Salery be made in a Tax by itself and Further Voted that the Taxes Collected by the Collector Shall be paid to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Maccarty or his Order

Voted to allow to Colo Benjamine Flagg the Sum of Nine Shillings hard money for the pound Gate

Voted that this meeting be dissolved and it was accordingly Dissolved A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun at [*sic*] held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the

Tenth day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one and Continued by adjournment From Time to Time to monday the Twenty Sixth day of November Following at two OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted that this Meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Third day of December Next at two OClock, P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick Meeting house in Said Town on monday the Tenth Day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty one and Continued by adjournment From time to time to monday the third day of December Following at two OClock P. M. & then Met

Voted that the Committee appointed Sometime Past to examine into the Debts and Credit of this Town be Desired to meet with the Town Treasurer & the Collector M^{r}. Taylor and adjust the Debts and Credit of this Town

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Tenth day of this Instant December at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Met according to the above adjournment December 10th. 1781

then Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to monday the Twenty Fourth day of this Instant December at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding T Clerk

Met according to the above adjournment December 24th 1781

Voted to allow to M^{r}. James Macfarland the Sum of three pounds one Shilling it being the Cost of an Execution for the hard money Tax

Voted that the Sum of Eleven hundred & Fourteen pounds twelve Shillings & two pence half penney be granted Raised and assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town for the purpose of defraying the Debts of this Town

Voted that this meeting be dissolved and it was dissolved accordingly A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun and held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty First Day of January in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty two the Following Votes were passed Viz

Mr. Nathan Perry Chosen Moderator

Voted that the County Tax be made with the Town Tax that the Gore has to pay their proportion of

Voted that the money Granted the Last Town meeting be Collected by the First Day of march Next & paid into the Treasurer

Voted that this Town Disapprove of a Late act of this Commonwealth Laying certain Duties or Excise on Several articles therein mentioned

Voted to instruct our Representative for to use his utmost Endeavours to git Said act Repealed then Chose Timothy Paine Esqr. Mr. Nathan Baldwin & Mr. Cornelas Stowell a Committee to Draw instructions for Said Purpose

Voted that Mr. Thomas be Desired to Print the proceding of this meeting in his Next Paper

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Fryday the Twenty Fifth of this Instant January at two OClock P. M. then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town meeting held on

the 25th of January, A. D. 1782 by adjournment From the 21st of the Same month

Whereas the Said Town at their meeting on the 21st Day of January did disapprove of a Late act of this Commonwealth laying Excise on Wine Rum &c. and on Wheel carriages and did then Vote to enstruct Samuel Curtis Esqr. our Representative to use his utmost Endeavours to have Said act repealed — The Town now taking the matter again into consideration do give the following Reasons why Said act ought to be Repealed

First It is an indirect method of levying moneys as those who pay said Duties cannot know what Sum they pay which is contrary to the Geneus of a Free people

2d that it multiplies Oathes and Subjects a great Number of Persons to be Sworn in matters wherein they are deeply interested & Consequently instead of Suppressing immorality has a contrary Tendency

3d That if it is necessary to lay Duties for the Support of Government & Suppressing of Luxury & Extravagance the Said Duties ought to be laid on Such articles only as are merely Luxurious and not on Some of those mentioned in Said act Spiritous Liquers being absolutely necessary for our Seefearing Brethren coasting along our Shores in Boats & Lighters at all Seasons of the year to Supply the market with wood Lumber & Fish—also for the Farmer whose Fatigue is almost unsupportable in hay Time & harvest and other Seasons of the year—& for the New Beginners in bringing forward new Townships where they have nothing to drink but water and perhaps are exposed to more Hardships than any other persons nor on Bohea Tea which in populous Places & in many Places in the Country is Substituted by many Poor People for their Support & Sustinance in the Room of milk which is not to be had and they find it to be a cheap Diet nor on comon Chaise & other carriages Such as are kept in the country for the necessary conveyances of Familys to meetings & the useing them very often saves the keeping of a horse extraordinary and Enabbles the Farmer to keep more cows or sheep which are more Profitable—and all carriages being manufactured among our Selves laying a Duty upon

them has a Tendency to discourage all those mechanicks employed in making them

4thly The mode pointed out in Said act for collecting Said Dutys is much more expensive than necessary however Small the Commissions allowed the Collector may appear—For if the collector can afford to Ride into every Town in the county & collect the Duties for three pr cent the comon collector of Taxes in each Town can afford to collect the Same in his own Town for one pr cent & convey the moneys to the publick Treasury with his other Publick money

5thly That all consumers of Spiritous Liquers at Taverns will pay about Eight Times as much as the Duties amount to for it is well known that the Tavern keeper Sells his mixt Liquers for two pence more in a mugg than before the excise was laid when in fact the Duties on Each mugg does not amount to more than a farthing & so in proportion on other Liquers

6thly that all Persons living upon the Borders of this Government will purchase Liquers for their own consumption of the Neighboring Governments & thereby avoid paying any of Said Dutys

7thly the Said act for laying a Duty on Tea exempts all persons from paying a Duty who buys at one Time Fifty pounds or more of bohea tea or Twenty Five pounds of other India Tea which appears to be calculated to lay a Tax upon the poor & exempt the Rich

8thly The consumer of Spiritous Liquers are charged by the Retailor & Tavern keeper with the whole of the excise mentioned in Said act & they are obliged to pay the Same when at the Same Time the Retailor &c is allowed Ten pr cent a very Extraordinary Sum for Leakage waste &c which with three pr cent allowed the collector amounts to nearly thirteen pr cent out of the Duties intended to be raised by Said act as also a further allowance is to be made the Retailor &c for as much more as he Shall See cause to Swear that he may have lost by extraordinary leakage or other casualties

9thly there is no check upon the collectors accounts or anything to prove that the whole money he Shall collect is contained in the account he Shall exhibit to the Receiver General when by Former Excise acts, the Collector when he received any Duties was obliged

to give two Receipts of the Same Tenor & Date one of which was to be lodged with the Clerk of the Sessions & the Clerk was obliged to transmitt the Same or Copies thereof to the Treasurer in order to compare with the accounts of the Collector

lastly The Said act is attended with many Difficulties & has a Direct Tendency to Embarras & obstruct Trade and it is the opinion of this Town if continued will create great uneasiness among the good people of this commonwealth and not answer the Designs of Government in passing the Same the Town Clerk is therefore hereby directed to furnish Samuel Curtis Esqr. our Representative with a copy of our Vote of the 21st. Instant & the foregoing Reasons and the Said Samuel Curtis is Directed to use his Endeavours not only to cause Said act to be repealed but to prevent in future any Excise or Dutys being laid upon the necessarys of Life

Voted that M^{r}. Thomas be Desired to Print the foregoing proceding in his Next paper

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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The Petition of Josiah Peirce & Others for a Town meeting 21st. of January 1782

To the Gent^{r}. Select men of the Town of Worcester

The Petition of the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of Said Town Sheweth

That your Petitioners are much Dissatisfied with a late act of the Great & General Court of this Commonwealth Laying a Duty on Spirituous Liquers, Teas, Wheel carriages &c We think that Such a mode of Raising money for the Support of government, is a Grievance that ought to be Redresed Immediately We therefore pray that you would Grant a Warrant for calling a Town meeting as Soon as may be, that the Sense of the Said Town may be had, and the Representative of this Town instructed Touching the

premises, or that the Town may act & do anything Relative thereto as they may think proper. Your Compliance will Greatly oblige your humble Servt.

Josiah Peirce	Joseph Ball	John Fisk
Robert Smith	Samuel Whitney	Elisha Smith
David Bigelow	Josiah Flagg	Josiah Knight
Ebenezar Willington	Silas Harrington	John Curtis
James Barber	Isaac Gleason	Israel Jenison
Daniel Harris	Jont. Flagg	Saml. Jenison
Nathanl Brooks	Phineas Gleason	Willm Taylor
Josiah Harrington	Elijah Flagg	Joseph Hastings
Nathanl Robbins	James Fisk	Saml. Gates
Jonathan Gleazen	Ebenr. Willington Jur.	Ruben Gray
Thomas Knight	David Chadwick	Jonathan Rice
Thomas Nichols	Daniel Willington	Levi Holton
Thomas Nichols Jur.	Daniel Beard	Benja. Stowell
Robert Gray	Nathaniel Moore	Eli Chapen
David Moore	Leml Rice	Peter Buck [Jur
Solomon Johnson	Elijah Harrington	Joshua Harrington
Ephraime Mower	James Mc.farland	Joel How
Phineas Jones	Saml. Sturtevant	Willm Mahan
Jonathan Gales	Willm. Johnson	Charles Stearns
Samuel Wiswell	Nathan Baldwin	Moses Miller
Ephraime Miller	John Chamberline	

At a Town meeting held at the Publick meeting house in Worcester on monday the 4th. Day of march, A. D, 1782, after Legal warning For the Choice of Town officers &c and to transact other business agreeable to the Several articles contained in the Warrant for Said meeting

at Said meeting Joseph Allen Esqr. was Chosen Moderator

Samuel Miller Nathan Perry William Mc.farland Samuel Brown John Gleason Selectmen and overseers of the Poor

Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Ebenezer Lovel Ephraime Miller John Chamberline assessors

Nathan Heard Samuel Bridge Wardens

Voted for a County Treasurer

Voted that this meeting be adjourned For one our then to meet at this Place

Met according to the above adjournment

Voted that M^r^. Nathan Patch be Collector of Taxes the Current year which Service he has agreed to do for two pence on the Pound & give two Sufficient Sureties to the Selectmen For the Faithfull Performance thereof

Chose Nathan Patch Charles Stearns Constables

Joseph Allen Esqr. Nathan Baldwin Isaiah Thomas Committee of Correspondence & Safty

Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

Capt. Joshua Whitney Samuel Bridge Clerk of the market

John Tatman Joseph Ball Ephraime Mower Joshua Whitney David Bigelow James Macfarland David Moor Nathan Patch Daniel Beard Thadeas Chamberline Robert Smith Josiah Harrington Highway Surveyors & Collectors of highway Taxes

James Moor John Goodwin Tythingmen

Samuel Whitney Daniel Beard Fence Viewers

Nathaniel Robbins Thomas Knight Field Drivers

Nathaniel Robbins Samuel Jenison Deer Reeves

John Warren Isaac Knight Joshua Whitney John Goodwin Daniel Chadick Simeon Duncan Noah Jones Thomas Rice Ju^r^. Samuel Gates 2^d^. Peter Buck Hog Reeves

Voted that the Sum of two hundred pounds be granted Levied and assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be appropriated to keep the publick & Town Roads in Repair

Voted that the Inhabitants have Liberty of Working out their highway Tax afores^d^. at the Price of Six Shillings p^r^. Day of a man & three Shillings For a yoke of oxen & 1/6 pr. Day of a Cart & Voted the price of a Plow p^r^. Day be Left Discresionary with the Surveyors

Voted that Such of the Inhabitants as worked out more than his or their Tax the Last year be allowed for the Same out of this

out of the present yea[r]s Tax he or they producing a certificate thereof and those that have not worked out their former Tax have Liberty to work out the Same

Voted that the Road mentioned in the Tenth article in the Warrant for this meeting Laid out through William Jenison Stearns land be Discontinued

Voted that the Sum of one hundred pounds be Raised & assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town for the purpose of Supplying the Town with Schooling the Current year

Voted that the School be Kept in the Same way & manner it was the Last year

Chose Joseph Allen Esqr. Levi Holton Ritchard Pratt Thomas Wheler Phineas Heywood John Barnard Nathaniel Robbins Capt. Micah Johnston Moses Miller David Bigelow Committee to provide Schooling

Chose Samuel Fullerton & David Bigelow Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday the Eleventh Day of this Instant march at one OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding

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at a Town meeting held at the publick meeting house in Worcester march 11th. A, D, 1782 by adjournment from the 4th of the Same march

Chose Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esqr., & Joshua Bigelow Esqr., a Committee to Settle accounts with the Town Treasurer

Voted that the Swine go at Large the Currant year being Yoked & Ringed according to Law

Voted that the Select men be Directed to Repair the upper part of the meeting house & provide a Roap for the Bell & Lay their accounts before the Town for allowance

Voted to allow the following accounts Viz

to Deacon Saml. Miller for Boarding Polley Curtis & Sundrys	3	11	6
to John Goodwin for mending the meeting house Bell	0	7	0
to Nathan Perry for Boarding Katharine Curtis & Sundrys	1	18	6
to John Gleason for String Peaces for a Bridge	0	10	0
Tottal	£6	7	0

Voted to Excuse John Goodwin From Serving [as] Tythingman the ensueing year then Chose M^r^. Joseph Ball in his Room

Voted to Excuse M^r^. W^m^. Macfarland From Serving as Select man the ensueing year then Chose Capt. Samuel Brooks Select man in his Room

Voted to Choose a Committee to examine the assessors account & make Report at may meeting then Chose Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esqr. & M^r^. Nathan Perry for Said Committee

Voted that Joseph Wheler Esqr. be added to the Committee Chose Some Time past this Vote being Recorded in this meeting is a mistake it belongs to the other meeting this Day

attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

Voted to Choose a Committee to Preamble the School Land Lying Near M^r^. Othanal Taylors & See what Trespasses have been Committed & make Report to the Town Whether it is Best For the Town to have Said Land Sold Chose m^r^. Thomas Wheler, Deacon Jacob Chamberline, Capt. John Curtis, Capt. Israel Jinison, M^r^. John Gleason, Robert Smith, & William Young Esqr. a Committee for Said Purpose

Voted that this meeting be dissolved and it was accordingly dissolved A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the publick meeting house in Worcester on monday march 11th. 1782 after Legal warning to act on the Several articles Contained in the warrant for Said meeting

First Chose Joseph Allen Esqr. Moderator

Voted that the center School District keep their School in one or more Place as they Shall Jud[g]e proper

Voted that the third article[1] be passed over

Voted that Mr. William Stearns & Mr. David Bigelow be a Committee to apear at the Next Superior Court to be holden in Worcester in behalf of this Town in Regard of a Summons Sent to them by the Town of Shrewsbury[2]

Voted that Joseph Wheler Esqr. be aded to the above Committee

Voted that the Select men be a Committee to pursue the recovery of the Bond or the Value thereof given by Mr. David Bigelow to the Select men for the Time being them or their Successors for parte of the money arising From the Sale of ministerial & School Lands in the best way & manner they Can & to employ Council learned in the law to assist them therein at the Expence of the Town

Voted that the Select men be Directed to Pay the Revr. Mr. Maccarty the intrest money mentioned in the Sixth article in the warrant for this meeting

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly a True entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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march 5th. 1782 Mr. Daniel Goulding Clerk For the Town of Worcester for the year 1782 I hereby Certify you that Mr. James Mcfarland hath been Sworn to the faithfull discharge of the offices of Surveyor of highways & Collector of highway Taxes within the Town of Worcester for the Currant year

before me Wm. Young Justice piece

A true Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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[1] Report of committee to settle with the town treasurer.

[2] Relating to the case of Reuben Hoyt.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government Directs in the Choice of a Governor &c Legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the First Day of April in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty two

The Following Persons were Voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth & had the Number of Votes Expressed against their respective Names

Hon^{r}. John Hancock	29	Hon Thomas Cushing	5
Hon James Bodwain	14	Saml. Bridge	1

The Following Persons were Voted for as Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth & had the Number of Votes Expressed against their respective Names Viz

Hon Thomas Cushing	39	Saml. Curtis Esqr.	1
Hon Artimas Ward	1	Saml. Bridge	1

The Following Persons were Voted for as Senators & Councellors & had the Number of Votes Expressed against their respective Names Viz

Israel Nichols Esqr.	4	Hon Joseph Dorr Esqr	29
Saml. Curtis Esqr.	7	Hon Artimas Ward Esqr	23
Joseph Allen Esqr.	5	Jonathan Warner Esqr.	17
M^{r}. John Sprague	5	Seth Washburn Esqr.	2
Hon Moses Gill Esqr.	23	Eben^{r}. Crafts Esqr.	1
Hon Saml. Baker Esqr.	29	Ephraime Doolittle Esqr.	1
Thomas Leget Esqr.	1	Jacob Davis Esqr.	1
		Jonathan Grout Esqr.	1

It was then Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was Dissolved accordingly

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs & for the Choice of Representatives

Respectively legally warned & assembled at the Publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the thirteenth Day of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty two

The Question being Put to know the minds of the Town whether they would send a Representative or Representatives or Not and it passed in the Negative

Voted that the meeting For Choosing a Representative or Representatives be adjourned to Next Satterday at two OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & it was accordingly

Chose M^r^. David Bigelow Moderator for to Transact the other Business

Voted that the Sum of one hundred Pounds be Granted Raised and assesed on the Poll & Estates in this Town For the Rev^nd^. M^r^. Maccartys Salery the Current year

Voted that the Committee Chose to Preambelate the School Land be Desired to proced & make Report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted not to pay the Delegates that this Town Chooses to meet in Convention according to the Sixth article in the Warrant for this meeting

Voted to Choose three Delegates to meet in Convention according the Sixth article in the Warrant For this meeting then Chose M^r^. David Bigelow Lieu^t^. Josiah Pierce & Capt. Joshua Whitney For Said purpose

Voted not to act on the Seventh article[1] in the Warrant for this meeting

Voted this meeting be adjourned to monday the Twenty Seventh Day of this Instant may at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

To the Select men of the Town of Worcester Gentlemen We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Said Town Request you to insert an

[1] To choose a committee to settle the line between Worcester and Holden.

article in your next Warrant for calling a Town meeting to See if the Town will Chuse one or more Persons to Joine in a County Convention to be held at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of may Instant to Take under Consideration Sum matters of grevance that we think we Labour under your Compliance with the above request will oblidge your Humble Servents

	Joel How	Joshua Bigelow	
Worcester may 2d. 1782	John Curtis	Israil Jenison	[Jur.
	Robert Crawford	Ebenezar Willington	
	John Fisk	David Bigelow	
	David Chadick	Thomas Knight	
	Joshua Whitney		

At a Publick meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Duly warned and assembled and Qualified to Vote for a Representative & to Vote in Town affairs held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Thirteenth Day of may A, D, 1782 and Continued by adjournment to Saterday the Eighteenth Day of the Same may at two OClock in the afternoon & then met

a motion was made and Seconded to See if the Town would reconsider the Vote Passed the Thirteenth of this Instant may in Regard of Sending a Representative & it passed in the affirmative

Voted to Choose one Representative For the ensueing year Then Chose Samuel Curtis Esqr. To represent the Town agreeable to the article in the Warrant For this meeting

The Votes for Representative were For Samuel Curtis Esqr. 53 For Levi Lincoln 13 For M^{r}. David Bigelow 20 For William Young Esqr. 4

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding T Clerk

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To M^{r}. Daniel Goulding Town Clerk of Worcester

I hereby certify that James Moore Came before me and was Sworn to the Faithfull discharge of the office of Tything man in the Town of Worcester For the year Curant

att Wm Young Jus^{t}. Peice a True Entry Daniel Goulding T C

To the Select men of the Town of Worcester Genl.men we the Subscribers the Inhabitants of S^{d}. Town Request you to call a Town meeting as Soon as may be to See if the Town will Instruct their Representative to use his influence in the General Court to obtain a Redress of Greavances which we think we Labour under Your Compliance with the above Request will oblige your Humble Servents Eben Lovell, David Moore, asa Moore, Robert Smith, Joseph Barber, Nathl. Harrington, Nathl. Brooks, Ephr^{m}. Miller, Moses Miller, John Mower,

Worcester may 18th. 1782

To the Gentlemen Select men of Worcester We your petitioners request that you would insert an article in your next warrant for a Town meeting that will take up and Direct us in the Next Town meeting relative to our being Cited to Court the Second Tuesday of June Next by the Hon^{l}. Judge Lincoln for over Taxing him in the Last years Taxes your Hum^{le}. Ser^{t}.

Worcester May 18th. 1782

Eben^{r}. Lovell
Ephraim Miller
John Chamberlin
} assessors of Worcester

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Legally warned and assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Twenty Seventh Day of may A, D, 1782 The Following Votes were Passed Viz.

First Chose Lieu^{t}. Nathan Perry Moderator

Voted to give instructions to their Representative & to Choose a Committee of three Persons For Said Purpose then Chose William Young Esqr., M^{r}. David Bigelow, & Leu^{t}. Josiah Pierce For Said Committee

Voted that the assessors Defend their Cause in Regard of their being Cited to appear at Court for over Taxing the Hon^{l}. Judge Lincoln in the last years Taxes, and that they Defend the Same at Cost of the Town

Voted that the Select men be Disired to Procure Some Person or Persons to take Care of the meeting house & Ring the Bell

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the third Day of June Next at Four OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Thirteenth day of may A, D, 1782 and Continued by adjournment to this Twenty Seventh Day of the Same may & then met then the Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted that the Committee Chose to Pramble the School Land be Desired to Proced and ascertain the Bounds & Number of acers and make a Formal Report to the Town

Voted that if the Intrest money arrising From the Sale of the ministerial & School Lands is not paid up that the Select men Sue for Principle & Intrest

Voted that the Select men examine into M^{r}. Willm. Dawes accounts & make Report to the Town

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the Third Day of June Next at Five OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the 27th Day of may; A, D, 1782 & Continued by adjournment to this Third Day of June Following at Four OClock in the afternoon & then met then the Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted to accept of the First Third Fourth & Fifth articles in the Instructions for their Representative

Voted that the instructions be Recommitted to the Committee & that they ad Some Further Greavences & Lay them before the Town

Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to Saterday the 8th. Day of this Instant June at three OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding T. C.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the Publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the thirteenth Day of may. A, D, 1782 & Continued by adjournment From time to Time to this Third Day of June Following at Four OClock in the afternoon & then meet

Then Voted that this meeting be Further adjourned to Saterday the 8th Day of this Instant June at Four OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place, & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the Publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the 27th. Day of may A, D, 1782 & Continued by adjournments to this 8th Day of June Following & then met then the Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted that Mr. Thomas assist the Committee in altering Some of the articles in the instructions

Voted to accept of the Following instructions as is here Recorded & that a Coppy be Delivered to Samuel Curtis Esqr.

Worcester June 8th. A, D, 1782

To Samuel Curtis Esqr.

Sir we Reposing Special Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Conduct and fidelity have Elected you to Represent us in the Great and General Court the Present year notwithstanding our Reliance on your Wisdom and integrity, think it necessary to instruct you Relative to some Particular maters of Grevance which we think we labour under–Viz

1st. that the Receaver General of this Extensive Commonwealth Should be a Justice of the pleas in the county of middlesex by which he is Rendered unable to attend his office as treasurer of the Commonwealth during the Time he attends the Courts in Said County by which many persons have been and others no dout will be put to Considerable expence besides loss of Time and Dissapointment who have busness with him as Treasurer

2ly as there is a Recomendation of Congress that Such Officers as have been Deranged and not in actual Service have half pay during life if Said Recommendation has or Should take Place we look upon it as a great Greivance

3dly That the members of the General Court when acting as Committees of the Same have large wages over and above their pay as Representatives is a Greivance which we think we Justly Complain of

4thly That Representatives having Nine Shillings pr. Day Considering the Scarcity of money and the difficulty of obtaining thereof being allmost Double what they formerly had when money was much Plentier and Easier to be had we think a Greivance

[1]That there has not been a Settlement with the Treasurer of this Commonwealth & Publick boards Commissaries Commissioners and indeveduals who have been intrusted with the expenditure of our publick moneys which if Done and an account made out by the Honorable General Court and Transmitted to the Several

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[1] Marginal note: "This article not to have been Recorded as Parte of the instructions."

Towns in this Commonwealth annually giving a Just account of the State of the Treasury would greatly Eas the minds of many of your Constituants

5thly We think it a great greevance that there has not been a general Settlement with the Treasurer of this Commonwealth and with all Others who have been intrusted with the expenditure of publick monies and have not accounted for the Same

6thly We think it a grievance that the State of the Treasury is not known to the inhabitants of this Commonwealth and would have you use your influence that in future the General Court transmit to every Town annually an account of the expenditure of all publick moneys

7thly as the Siting of the General Court in the Town of Boston is attended with many inconveniances we think Said Courts Siting in Said Town a Grievance

8thly that the Sitting of the Court of Common pleas and General Sesions of the Peice at the Same time much interfear with each Other by which means the County is put to the coast of paying many Justices many Days when much less Time would answer the purpose as well

9thly It has been Represented that there has been large Grants of land made to alexander Shepherd and Others laying in the old Province of main [that] there has not been a more Strict inquiry made whether their Claims does not far exceed their origional grants is Complained of

These Sir are our Sentiments as maters of Grievance which we instruct you to use your utmost exersions to Guard against and obtain Redress as becomes an Indevedual member of the General assembly

Voted that this meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the Publick meeting house in Worcester on monday the Thirteenth Day of may. A. D. and Contin-

ued by adjournment From Time to Time to this Eighth Day of June following & Then met

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned and assembled at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Nineteenth Day of august, A, D, 1782 The Following Votes were Passed Viz.

Lieu^{t}. Nathan Perry Chosen Moderator

The Question being put to know the minds of the Town whether they would Comply with a Late Requisition From the General Court Respecting the Collecting the Late Continental Tax & it passed in the Negative

Voted that this Town will exert themselves & pay their Late Continental Tax to their Collector as Soon as posable

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the 18th Day of November A, D, 1782

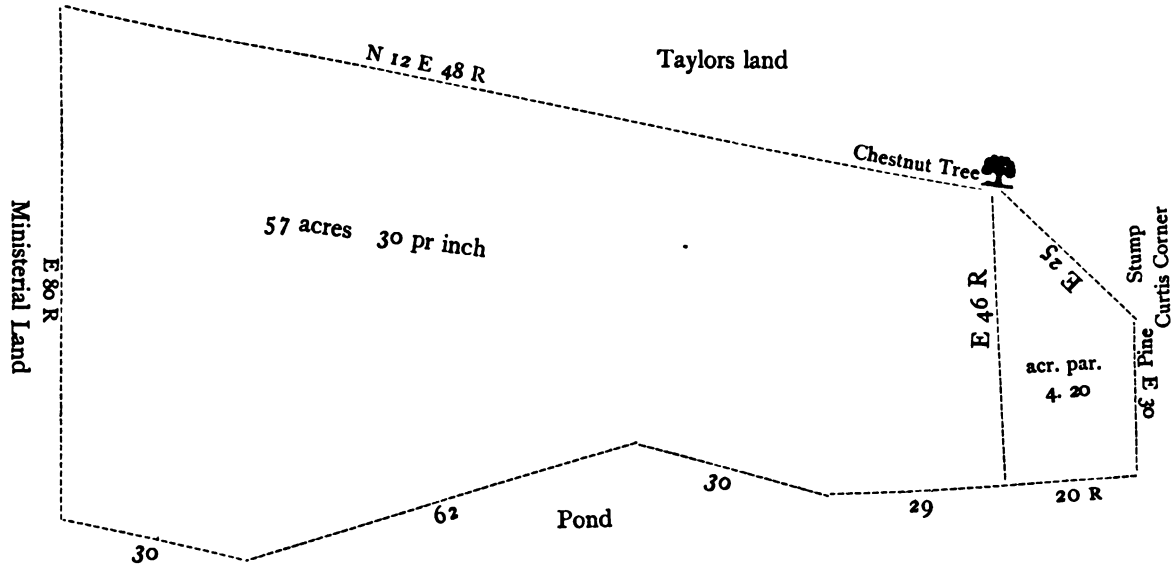
Joseph Allen Esqr. was Chosen Moderator

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of two Persons to assist the Committee Chose to Settle with the Town Treasurer then Chose Timothy Paine & Samuel Curtis Esq^{rs}. for Said purpose

Voted that the third article in the Warrant be posponed till march meeting

Voted that the plan of Wigwam hill that the Committee have drawed be Recorded in the Town Book

[SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PLAN.]



Taylors land
N 12 E 48 R
Chestnut Tree
57 acres 30 pr inch
E 80 R
Ministerial Land
E 46 R
E 25
Stump
Curtis Corner
acr. par.
4. 20
E 30 Pine
30
62
Pond
30
29
20 R

Voted that the Quarter of the Town Called Stowells Quarter be allowed their School money which was not Expended the last year

the Question being put to See if the Town would allow Esqr. Bigelows account it Passed in the Negative

Voted to allow the Following accounts Viz

To Colo Ebenr. Lovell & Capt. Joshua Whitney for procuring & Delivering the Town Quota of Beef Ten day each at 6/ per Day	£6 0 0
To John Gleason for Boarding Katharine Curtis & Sundrys	2 9 2
	£8 9 2

Voted to Choose a Committee to Consider the Debts brought against the Town at this meeting Then Chose Joseph Allen Esqr. M^{r}. David Bigelow & Samuel Curtis Esqr. a Committee for Said purpose

Voted this mecting be adjourned to monday the Twenty fifth day of this Instant November at two OClock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place & the meeting was accordingly adjourned

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester Qualified to Vote in Town affairs begun & held at the publick meeting house in Said Town on monday the Eighteenth Day of November A, D, 1782 and Continued by adjournment to monday the Twenty Fifth Day of the Same November at two OClock in the afternoon & then met The Following Votes were Passed Viz

Voted that a Further Consideration of the accounts now exhibitted against the Town lye till march next

Voted that the grants that have heretofore been made [be] assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town

Voted that their be the Sum of Nine pounds Raised & assessed upon the polls & Estates in this Town for the Purpose of making good the intrest money to M^{r}. Maccarty arising From the Sale of the ministerial Lands

Voted that the Select men be a Committee to Defend any Suit that is brought against this Town in the Best way & manner they can & to employ Councel Learned in the law if need be

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, legally warned & assembled at the public Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday the Third Day of March A D. 1783, to act on the Several articles mentioned in the foregoing Warrant

Joseph Allen Esqr. was chosen Moderator

M^r^. Nathan Perry Joseph Allen Esqr Joseph Wheeler Esqr, M^r^. Saml. Brown M^r^. David Bigelow Select men

William Greenough Maccarty Town Clerk

Lieu^t^. Nathan Perry Town Treasurer

Col Eben. Lovell Mr Ephraim Miller Lieut. Phinehas Jones Assessors

M^r^. Ephraim Mower Mr Nathaniel Robbins Wardens

Joseph Allen Esqr. Joseph Wheeler Esqr Mr Isaiah Thomas Committee of Correspondence & Safety

Voted to Choose one Collector of Taxes the Current Year

Voted that the person that will undertake to collect the taxes the currant year the cheapest and give Sufficient Bonds, be the Collector

Voted That Mr Saml Whitney have 'till the adjournment of this meeting to procure Bondsmen as Collector

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to monday the tenth Day of this Ins^t^, March, at 10 °Clock in the forenoon, then to meet at this place And Adjourned accordingly

Attest William G^h^. Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to Vote in Town afiairs, begun and

held at the public Meeting house in Said Town, on Monday the Third Day of March A D. 1783, and Continued by adjournment to Monday the tenth Day of the Same March at 10 °Clock A. M. & then met

The following Officers were chosen & Votes past Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. Nathan Heard Sealer of Leather

M^{r}. Phinehas Haywood Capt. Saml. Brooks M^{r}. Charles Chandler Capt. Joshua Whitney William Knight James McFarland Junr. William Young Esqr. Francis Harrington M^{r}. Nathaniel Moore Thaddeus Chamberlain Joseph Barber Jesse Taft Phinehas Jones Surveyors and Collectors of highway Taxes

Voted That those [who] were difficient in working out their highway taxes for the year 1782, be allowed to work them out on or before the last Day of June 1783

Voted That the Sum of £200 be granted levied & assessed upon Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to be appropriated to Keep the Public and Town Roads in repair

Voted That the Inhabitants have liberty of working out their highway Tax afores^{d} at the price of Six Shillings ℔ Day for a man, Three Shillings for a Yoke of oxen & 1/6 for a Cart & that the price of a Plow ℔ Day be left discretionary with the Surveyors

Samuel Brazier Josiah Harrington Tything Men

M^{r}. Daniel Baird M^{r}. Samuel Bridge Fence Viewers

M^{r}. Benjamin Whitney J^{r}. M^{r}. Josiah Perry Field Drivers

M^{r}. Joseph Barber M^{r}. William Taylor Deer Reeves

M^{r}. David Bigelow M^{r}. Solomon Bigsby Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

M^{r}. William Johnson 2^{d} M^{r}. Jonathan Nash M^{r}. Moses Perry M^{r}. Nathaniel Flagg M^{r}. David Willington M^{r}. Joseph Hastings M^{r}. John Elder M^{r}. Stephen Dexter M^{r}. Samuel Mahan M^{r}. John Knower Hogg Reeves

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned for half an hour Then to meet at this place

Met according to Adjournment

Voted that £100 be granted levied & Assessed for Supplying the Schools for the current year

Voted That each School Division, receive of the monies granted for Supporting the Schools, according to the proportions they paid of the last years Tax

Voted That the Persons that Shall hereafter be chosen to provide Schooling, be a Committee to proportion the monies agreeable to the last Resolve The Committee then chosen were—Timothy Paine Esqr M^{r}. Jesse Taft Mr Danl Beard Col^{l} Benjn Flagg Mr John Gleason Mr Phineas Jones Capt. Saml. Brooks John Moore 1st William McFarland Capt. Nathl. Brooks

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to settle any difficultys that may arise in any of the School Divisions—and to report at the next town meeting

Voted & chose Lt Phinehas Jones Capt Nathl Brooks Mr Nathan Perry Committee chosen for Said purpose

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Settle with the Town Treasurer—Then chose, Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esqr. & Col^{l} Ebenezer Lovell

Voted That M^{r}. Samuel Whitney be excused from Serving as Collector of Taxes for the current year

Voted that M^{r}. Daniel Goulding be Collector of Taxes for the current year, he giving Sufficient Security for the faithfull performance of his trust, and that he be allow'd two pence half penny ℔ pound for Collecting

M^{r}. Abel Haywood M^{r}. John Nazro Constables

Voted That the Swine, being Yoked & Ringed go at large

Voted, That the Selectmens Report relative to the monies arising from the Sale of the Ministerial & School Lands be accepted

The Report is as follows

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Worcester for the year 1782 beg leave to Report respecting the money arising from the Sale of ministerial and School Lands is as follows viz—

In the hands of

Palmer Goulding	£46 13 4	Intert paid to Nov. 1. 1782
Stephen Dexter	33 6 8	Intt paid to Novr. 1. 1782
John Taylor	42 3 4	Intr. due Novr. 1. 1782 £3 7 7½
Ezekiel How	20 0 0	four years Intr. due Nov. 1 1782
Phinehas Ward	22 15 0	Intr paid to Novr. 1. 1782
Saml McCrakin	80 0 0	three years due Novr. 1 1782
Nehemiah Hinds &c	50 0 0.	three years due July. 17. 1782

School Money in the hands of David Baldwin £83 6 8
two years due March 29. 1782

David Bigelow £35 16 8

In the hands of the Town 35 17 10
five years Intt. due and likewise £8 4 4 in the hands of the Selectmen for the year 1780 not accounted for

The Interest Rec[d] is paid to the Rev[d]. M[r]. Maccarty

Worcester March 3. 1783

Sam[l]. Miller
Nathan Perry
Sam[l]. Brooks
Sam[l]. Brown
John Gleason
} Selectmen of Worcester

Voted for a County Treasurer

Voted to accept of the Road as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to the 10th Article, provided that no cost arise to the Town—The Report of the Selectmen is as follows—

Worcester February 15th. 1783—At the Request of Mess[rs]. asa Ward & Simon Gates that we would lay a road to accomodate them, we have laid a Road two rods wide beginning at the Country Road leading from Worcester to Leicester, at a Stakes & Stones, thence to a white Oak Tree Mark'd, thence to another small white Oak Tree, thence to a large white Oak Tree, thence to a large Chesnut Tree thence to the Fence near the Dwelling house of the heirs of the late Simon Gates Deceas'd The above Road to be on the Easterly Side of Said marks—The above Road goes thro' the Land of Said Ward & Gates respectively Nathan Perry Sam[l]. Miller Sam[l] Brooks Selectmen of Worcester

Voted to accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen lying Easterly of John Stearns's Land, mentioned in the 10th Article, provided that no Expence accrue to the Town

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to One OClock P. m. on the first Monday in April next, then to meet at this place

It was Accordingly Adjourned—A true Entry
Attest. William. Gh. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a legal town meeting Continued by adjournment from March the Third to April 7th & then met

Voted to accept the Report of [the] Committee appointed to divide the School Money, which Report is as follows—

The Committee appointed by the Town of Worcester at the annual meeting in march 1783, to provide Schooling for the ensueing year, and to appropriate the Sum of One hundred Pounds then granted for that purpose, to be expended in the Several School Divisions in Said Town, Report that they have attended that Service, and apportioned Sum according to the Vote of the Town as follows. viz[t]

To Timothy Paine Esqr	32 1 2
Capt Saml. Brooks	10 0 5
Mr John Moore	6 16 6¼
Capt. Nathl Brooks	7 2 3¼
Lt. Phinehas Jones	9 13 3
Mr. Daniel Baird	8 14 1
Col. Benjamin Flagg	7 14 3
Lt. Willm McFarland	7 8 3
Mr. Jesse Taft	6 3 4
Lt. John Gleason	4 6 5½
	£100 0 0

All which is humbly Submitted To The Town
Timothy Paine ℔ order

Voted to allow the following accompts viz

To Capt. Micah Johnson	£0 17 0
Mr James Quigly	13 13 0
Mr William Dawes	13 4 2
Messrs. Eben. Lovell. Ephraim Miller and John Chamberlain Assessors	10 5 4
To Do on another accompt	18 3 0
Mr Samuel Eaton	15 12 0
Capt Samuel Brooks	15 11
Dn Samuel Miller	3 14 0
Mr Jedediah Healy	12 0

Voted That the accompt of Jonathan Park against William Tracy & exhibited to the town of Worcester for payment be dismissed

Voted that the Selectmen be derected to converse with William Tracy upon the subject of Sundry acc^{ts} from Doct^{r} Rand &c which are exhibited to the town of Worcester for payment

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee upon an accompt of Doctor John Campbell, for attending John Wait late of this Town Deceas^{d}—The Report is as follows

The Committee to Examine this accompt report, that in their opinion it would be expedient for the Selectmen to represent the affair of charge to the Selectmen of Framingham, Said Town being chargeable with the Support of the Said John Wait & his Wife

J Allen ℔ order

Voted That a Sum of Money be assessed upon the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, equal to the accompts now allowed or that have heretofore been allowed, & not yet assessed

Voted That the town will dispose of the two hind Seats, on both the Mens and Womens Sides, on the Floor of the Meeting house

Voted that the Said Seats be Divided into four Lots

Voted that the Town will build four Pews where the Seats aforementioned now are

Voted that Timothy Paine Esqr. Joseph Allen Esq. & Joseph Wheeler Esq be a Committee to build said Pews—also Voted that when said Pews are built They shall be disposed of at Public Vandue, at a legal Town Meeting called for That purpose, to the

highest bidder, and the monies arising therefrom to be put upon Interest, which is to be appropriated towards Supplying the difficiency of the Ministerial money so called arising by depreciation; and the Surplus if any there be, to be disposed of as this Town shall think proper

Upon Motion made by Mr John Gleason—Voted that John Totman Josiah Perry & the Farm whereon Samuel Clark now lives, be annexed to Saml Curtis's Quarter so called, & that Samuel Mower Junr. be annexed to Col. Ebenezer Lovell's quarter so called, & that said persons respectively be Entitled to the Same advantages as tho' they had heretofore belonged to those quarters to which They are now annexed

Voted That this Meeting be Dissolved, & it was accordingly Dissolved A true Entry Attest William G^h^. Maccarty Town Cler

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At a Meeting of the Free holders & 'Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified as the Constitution or frame of Government directs in the Choice of a Governor &c, legally warned & assembled at the Public Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the 7th day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty three, The following persons were Voted for as Governor of this Commonwealth and had the number of Votes expressed against their respective Names

His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. 49—Honble James Bodwoin Esqr. 8

The following Persons were voted for as Lieut. Governor, and had The number of votes expresed against their respective Names

Honble Thomas Cushing Esqr 35 Honble James Warren Esqr 4

The following Persons Voted for as Senators & Councellors and had the number of Votes expressed against their respective Names Viz

Honble. Moses Gill Esqr.	19	Hon Levi Lincoln Esq	12
Hon Saml Baker Esq	29	Henry Bromfield Esq	14
Hon Israel Nichols Esq	11	Seth Reed Esq	2

Hon Jonathan Warner Esq	21	Hon Artemas Ward Esq	2
Hon John Sprague Esq	15	Daniel Clap Esq	1
Hon Timothy Paine Esq	7	Ebenezer Crafts Esqr	1
Samuel Curtis Esq	10		

Voted That this Meeting be Dissolved, & it was accordingly dissolved

A true Entry Att^{t} William. G^{h} Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally warned & assembled at the publick meeting house in said Town on monday the Seventh Day of April at three oClock in the afternoon in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & Eighty three.

Joseph Allen Esqr. was chosen Moderator

Voted that the Second article[1] be referred to May meeting

Voted that the third article[2] be dismissed

Whereas a number of persons have manifested a disposition to set out trees for shades near the Meeting house & elsewhere about the Center of this Town, & the Town being desirous of encouraging Such a measure which will be beneficial as well as ornamental

Therefore Voted, that any person being an Inhabitant of this town, who shall injure or destroy such trees so set out, shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty shillings for every offence, to be disposed of to the use of the poor of the town

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to lay the foregoing Vote before the Court of General Sessions of the peace for this County to be by Said Court approved & established

Voted that M^{r}. Ephraim Mower, Mr Daniel Goulding & Mr John Stanton be & they are hereby appointed to make complaint of any breaches of the Vote aforesaid

Voted The Selectmen direct Mr Joseph Barber to work out

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[1] To receive a list of jurors.

[2] To see if the town would divide the center school district.

the highway tax committed to him or such part as may be necessary towards fencing the road leading thro' John Heath's Farm so called

Voted That the Selectmen provide for Simon,[1] once a Servant of Capt Sam[l]. Brooks, till it can be enquired whose business it is to Support him, which enquiry the Selectmen are desired to make

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved—& it was accordingly dissolved

A true Entry Attest William G[h]. Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to Vote for Representatives, legally warned & assembled, at the Meeting house in Said Town on monday the 12th Day of may A D 1783

Upon a motion being made & Seconded, & the question put, whether the Town will choose a Representative to represent this Town the current year, it passed in the affirmative—The Town then made choice of Samuel Curtis Esq. for their Representative.

At the same time & place the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs, being legally warned & assembled Joseph Allen Esq[r]. was chosen Moderator—& the following votes passed

Voted that One hundred Pounds be Granted, levied & assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this town, for the Rev[d]. Thaddeus Maccartys Salary for the current year

Voted to accept the Report of the Towns Committees mentioned in the Third articles—which Reports are as follows

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Town Treasurer, beg leave to report, that they have proceeded so far as to Settle the acc[t] of Said Treasurer, so far as respected his acc[t] with James M[c]Farland Collector for the year 1780—and find that Instead of the Towns owing Said M[c]Farland, according to a

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[1] "once a Negro Servant of Capt Samuel Brooks, & now in helpless & indigent Circumstances."

report of a former Committee The Said m^{c}Farland is indebted to the town, the Sum of Forty two Pounds two Shillings & two pence new Emission equal to twenty two pounds Nine Shillings & two pence, for which Sum the S^{d} m^{c}farland has given his Note of hand to m^{r} Nathan Perry Town Treasurer payable on demand for the use of the Town all which is Submitted

Worcester Novr. 13, 1782 — Joseph Allen, Joshua Whitney, Nathl Brooks } Committee

The Committee appointed to examine the Town Treasurers accounts beg leave to report to the Town, that they have proceeded so far as to settle the account of the Treasurer with m^{r}. William Taylor a former Collector, & find that there is due from S^{d} Taylor to the Town the Sum of Eighty two Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence lawful Silver money for which Sum the Said Taylor has given his Note of hand to m^{r}. Nathan Perry the Town Treasurer or his Successors in Said office payable on demand with Interest till paid—all which is Submitted

Worcester Febr^{y}. 3. 1783 — Tim^{o} Paine, Joseph Allen, Nathl. Brooks } Committee

The account of Nathan Perry Town Treasurer with the Town of Worcester

The Said accountant Chargeth himself with what he received of James McFarland a former Collector upon the last settlement with him the sum of	£22	9	2
also with what he Recd. of William Taylor a former Collector upon Settlement	82	13	4
also a tax of £1664 10 3 new Emission equal to the sum of 887 14 10 Silver money committed to Nathan Patch in Febry 1781 to Collect	887	14	10
also with a Tax committed to Sd Patch to Collect 19 Sept 1781 amounting to the Sum of	1140	7	4
also with a Tax committed to Sd Patch to Collect Jany 21 1782 amounting to the Sum of	1114	12	2
also with a Tax committed to said Patch to Collect Jany 24 1783 amounting to the Sum of	210	14	10
Recd of Justice Ward a fine		5	4
Recd of Justice Child a fine		4	0
	£3459	1	0

and dischargeth himself by payment of the following sums p[d] by order from the Selectmen

Pd Cyrus French 10 1 8 pd John Drury 12 9 3	£23	7	3
Pd Philip Donihue 12 4 8 Sam. Eaton Jr 12 6 0	24	10	8
Pd John Curtis 7 9 6 pd David Gleason 15 17 9	23	7	3
Pd Saml Brooks 31 pd Robert Smith 33 17 11	64	17	11
Pd Nathl Brooks 3 4 5 pd Saml moore &c 6 15/	9	19	5
Pd Elisha Foster 12 7 11 pd Gardner Chandler & Scipio 20 4/	32	11	11
Pd Oth Taylor 72/ pd Jos Wheelock 12 3/	15	15	0
Pd Timo Paine 17 2/8 pd John Gleason 63/	20	5	8
Pd Bela Noyes 12 2/4 pd Wm Buxton 12 1/4	24	3	8
Pd Thos. Wheeler 22/ pd James Quigley 6	7	2	0
Pd Jno. Green 6 8/1 pd Do 4 6/8	8	14	9
Pd Nat. Brooks 23/5 pd Wm Johnson 41/7	3	5	0
Pd Jacob Chamberlain 7 3/3 pd Do 4 4/	11	7	3
Pd Nat. Moore 7 6 5¾ pd Jab. Bigelow 10 11 9	17	18	2¾
Pd Saml. Brooks 11 pd Revd mr. Maccarty 69 16 6	80	16	6
Pd Sam Brown 43 15 7 pd James Mcfarland 42 10/ 1	86	5	8
Pd Jos. Allen 52 6 4 pd Jacob Nash 11 1 8	63	8	0
Pd Richard Pratt 4 15 1 pd Do 4 9 10	9	4	11
	£527	1	0¾
Pd Jona. Gleason 33 13 2 pd James Mcfarland 8 2 6	41	15	8
Pd Saml Brooks 29 1/5 pd Do 18 6 2¼	47	7	7¼
Pd Saml Warren 12 18 5 pd James Ballard 8 2/	21	0	5
Pd John Fisk 10/ 8 pd Elijah Dix 32 5/ 7	32	16	3
Pd Martha Wiley 25 5/ pd Benja Flagg 9/	35	14	0
Pd David Thomas 25/ pd John Kelso 226 4/ 3	227	9	3
Pd John Mahan 12 8/ 4 pd Jams Fisk 56/	15	4	4
Pd David Chaddick 12/ 9½ pd Eben Lovell 61/ 7	3	14	4½
Pd Phinehas Jones 12 3 4 pd Jedediah Healy 41/ 5	14	4	9
Carried over & [ ]	956	7	8½
Pd asa Dutton 12 13 1 pd James Mcfarland 60/	15	13	1
Pd Jonathan Rice 46/ 8¼ pd Do 18 17/	21	3	8¼
Pd David Bigelow 11 18 11 pd Timo Paine 4 4/	16	2	11
Pd David Moore 11 4 8 pd Jos. Barber 29/ 2	12	13	10
Pd Eb Lovell 20 13 0½ pd Elias Stowell 18	38	13	0½
Pd William Young	62	14	8
	£1123	8	11¼
Ballance Due to the Town	£2335	12	0¾
	£3459	1	0

Errors Excepted ℔ Nathan Perry Treasurer

Worcester may 12. 1783 The Committee appointed by the Town to Settle acc^{ts}. with the Town Treasurer report that they have attended Said Service, and present the above account, which we find right cast, & well vouched, by which it appears, there is a Ballance due to the Town of £2335 12 0¾ which the said Treasurer is further to account for

all which is humbly Submitted

Timothy Paine
Joseph Allen

Voted to allow the following accompts—viz

Saml Millers acct.	£2	16	10
William Stearns Esqr for paying Scipio Chandler	2	2	0
To Do Do for his Services in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the case of Worcester vs Shrewsbury Relative to Reuben Hoit & others (poor)	2	14	0
To Do for paying Nathl Langdon for boarding the School master Mr Clark	4	15	0

Voted that the next apportionment of the Towns School money the Sum of £4, 15, 0 be deducted from the Center Divisions proportion, and be put to the credit of the other Divisions, in equal proportion to what they pay

Voted That M^{r}. William Taylor's list of Taxes, presented to the Town for abatement also, his request for an allowance for Counterfeit Paper money received by him for taxes, as Collector for the Town of Worcester, be referred to a Committee of five—viz. Tim^{o} Paine Esqr. Dr Elijah Dix. Col^{l} Tim^{o} Bigelow, Saml Brown & Jonathan Rice

Upon a motion made & Seconded, to see if the Town will take into consideration a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Boston, & the question being put it passed in the affirmative

Voted that a Committee of Seven be appointed to prepare an answer to the Letter Rec^{d} from the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Boston & to prepare instructions for the Representative for this Town, & that they make report at the adjournment of this Meeting

Then chose Hon^{l} Levi Lincoln Esq. William Stearns Esqr. Jos. Allen Esqr., M^{r}. David Bigelow Mr Isaiah Thomas, Joseph Wheeler Esqr. & M^{r}. Jon^{a}. Rice Committee

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to monday next 3 o,Clock P m. It was accordingly adjourned

A true Entry Attest William. G. Maccarty Town Cler

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester at the publick meeting house in S^{d} Town, on monday the 12th. Day of may a. D. 1783. and cont. by adjournment to monday the 19th of the same may & then met

Upon a motion made & Seconded, & the question put Voted that the Report of the Committee, appointed at the opening of this meeting to prepare an answer to a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence &c of the Town of Boston, & to prepare Instructions for the Representative for this Town, be now read—

Voted, that the S^{d}. Report be read & acted on paragraph by paragraph

The Report being read & passed upon, agreeable to the last Resolve, & each & every paragraph being approv'd—It was moved & seconded to see if The Town approve & accept of the Report of their Committee, at large—it passed in the affirmative—The Report is as follows—

That this Town, with an equal & sacred regard to treaties of peace, and of *alliance;* to the Resolves of Congress, and the solemn acts of this Commonwealth, passed from time to time, for its preservation, safety & defence ; & especially, to those great & important principles of liberty and a free Government, for which they have been Struggling at the resque of their lives, will continue with spirit & firmness, their most vigorous efforts, to render glorious, & Secure from danger, interruption, or diminution, the ends of their past exertions,—*Peace*, Liberty, and *Happiness*

2dly. That this Town consider every Country, in times of invasion, as having equally a right, to the assistance, the personal services, & the property of all its subjects, in opposing the assailants-

That this Country more than eight years since, was invaded, & has been scourged by a War, which for the purpose of reducing it to the servile subjection of foreign domination, has been, by sea & by land, wasting, & by every species of barbarity, distressing its innocent Inhabitants.—a war that has desolated & burned whole towns, & render'd wretched, & turned out thousands of virtuous americans, destitute, despoiled, & unprovided for by the treaty of Peace, which leaves them dependant on the graitude & generosity of their Country—a war promoted, encouraged, & invited by those, who the moment the bloody banners were displayed, abandoned their native land, turned parricides & conspired to involve their country in ruin, tumult, & in blood.

3dly That such traitorous conduct, upon every principle of policy & Justice, in all ages, & in all countries, would in the opinion of this town, operate a forfeiture of the Conspirator's civil & political relation to their injured & betray'd Country; cut them off, forever from a standing therein, render them Enemies & aliens, and Justify those necessary laws, and that general voice of the people, by which they have been thus declared.

4^{thly} That considering, while the sword was slumbering in its Scabbard, when this country was in the hour of quiet, & at peace with the world, only pleading and petitioning for its rights, for a free Government; the sentiments of the absentees, their principles, their language, & their feelings were fixedly opposed to those rights, and to that freedom,—They then prefering, & to evince the sincerity of that preference, engaged to resque their all, for its possible attainment,—a Government totally inconsistant with the principles of the one we have established, and for the destruction of which they have been waging a cruel war; That therefore this town cannot conceive of it to be their duty, or their Interest, ever to provide for the return of such Ingrates, to naturalize them, or admit them to the priviledges & immunities of citizens.

5^{thly} That, whereas the said absentees & conspirators, have, at all times, uniformly by their representations, addresses, and avowed principles, considered the subjects of these states, of our great & illustrious ally, and the treaty of alliance, amity & commerce, as

the proper subjects of abuse, calumny, & reproach—The former as the deluded tools of a party, spurred on to treason & Rebellion; The second as the cowardly machines of a Monarch, perfidiously plotting the ruin of the former; and the latter as originating from the worst of motives, delusive, treacherous, artful, insincere, & not to be adhered to, and have even attempted to seduce the Subjects of these States to violate their *faith*, & those sacred treaties:—That therefore, in the opinion of this town, to admit persons of such principles, & such practices, to incorporate with and reside among us, would betray the want of a due regard to a generous friend, who has been fighting & bleeding by our side, endanger the treaty, and injure our national characters.

6thly. That whereas persons of the above description have been of the opinion, which they have been assiduous to *propagate*, that, these States could find happiness, or protection, no where but in a re-union with the Kingdom of Great Britain;—That left to themselves, they would become the sport of each other—break to pieces & crumble into ruin;—That no calamity was more to be deprecated, *for our own sakes*, than Independance established, and no blessing more earnestly to be sought for than Independance destroyed;—and whereas, when by a change of British Councels, & British measures, there was a prospect of peace, they reprobated that change, & solicited, for the purpose above, the continued utmost exertions of British power, and British resources, and even after the commencement of the pacific treaty, with malicious intentions, equally hostile to both Countries, dared to represent america, as but the proper subject of an easy conquest:—that therefore, in the opinion of this town, our Independance must ever be in danger of annoyance from such persons, who can never have our *confidence*, friendship or society.

7thly That the plea, for the return of the absentees, of their becoming good subjects, encreasing our numbers, & our strength, is in the opinion of this Town, *groundless & fallacious;* as it is improbable that persons who have thus acted, that are thus principled, and thus scituated, would, without any new reason, light or argument, alter their conduct, and at once reject the principles

they have embraced, & embrace those they have rejected, endeavor to support that Government they have been struggling to destroy, cultivate that harmony they have been industrious to prevent,–prevent that discord they have been assiduous to create–*quell those riots & unlawful assemblys* which but of late were the foundation of their darling hope—and endeavour to strengthen that friendship and alliance, which they have labour'd to weaken, & lied to asperse, and by a conduct the reverse of their past, become useful & good

8thly That agreeable to the treaty of peace, this town wishes for no recollection of past disputes with Great Britain, no repettition of past injuries ; but the seeds of discord being excluded, that such a beneficial & satisfactory intercourse may be established between the two Countries, as to promise & secure to both perpetual peace & harmony—which would be extremely difficult, were those persons to reside among us, whom this country consider as the occasion of interrupting that intercourse formerly, & the cause of all their sufferings ; especially as these *wretched beings*, have already began a quarrel with that peace, & those who made it, which terminates a long, bloody & unnatural war.

9thly That therefore in the opinion of this town, it would be extremely dangerous to the peace, the happiness, the liberties, the interest, and safety of these states, to suffer persons of the above description to become the subjects of, & to reside in this Government ;—That it would be not only dangerous, but inconsistant with Justice, policy, our past laws, the publick faith, & the principles of a free & independant State, to admit them ourselves, or to have them forced upon us without our consent.

10thly That in the opinion of this Town, this Commonwealth ought with the utmost caution, to *naturalize*, or in any other way admit as subjects, a common Enemy, a sett of people, who have been by the united voice of this Continent, declared *outlaws*, exiles, aliens, and Enemies, dangerous to political being & happiness.

11thly That while there are Thousands, of the innocent, peaceable & defenceless Inhabitants of these states. whose property has been destroyed, & taken from them in the course of the war, for whom no

provision is made, to whom there is no *restitution of estates*, no compensation for losses—That it would be unreasonable, cruel & unjust, to suffer those, who were the wicked occasion of those losses, to obtain a restitution of the Estates they refused to protect, and which they have abandoned, & forfeited to the Justice of their Country

12thly That whereas persons of the above description, have already made various attempts to introduce themselves into this Government, and thereby to establish principles & precedents by which others might be admitted, & restored to their forfeited Estates; That this town will adopt every reasonable, and consistent measure to prevent so great an evil; and that it is their expectation and earnest desire of Samuel Curtis, Esqr., whom they have chosen to represent them at this critical period, that he will with *firmness & Steadiness*, continue his patriotic exertions for the above purpose, That he will use his influence, to have those good & wholesome laws, touching the matter, duly executed, and such others enacted, as events and circumstances from time to time may render necessary; That he will receive a copy of the above votes—to the principles of which—The principles of a Sovereign & Independant Government—the principles of our free Constitution—and those great principles which has carried us triumphantly thro' a severe & bloody conflict—to those principles, he will invariably adhere, and make them the governing rule of his conduct—as that alone under heaven, has given energy to war, and will give *dignity to peace*, and make life happy.

13thly That it is the expectation of this town, & their earnest request of their Committee of Correspondence, Inspection & Safety, that they will with care & vigilance observe the movements, & watch the conduct of our only *remaining Enemies*,—That untill further order of Government, they will with decision, spirit & firmness, endeavour to enforce, & carry into execution, the several laws of this Commonwealth respecting those Enemies to our rights, & the rights of mankind; Give information should they know of any *obtruding* themselves into any part of this State, suffer none to remain in this town, but cause to be confin'd immediately, for

the purpose of transportation, according to law any that may presume to enter.

Voted to allow Samuel Whitneys accompt, being £4 4 0

Voted to choose a Committee to inquire of the Exc^{r}. or administrator to the Estate of M^{r}. James M^{c}farland late of this town deceased, respecting monies he received of Government for the support of non commissioned Officers & Soldiers familys—Then chose Mr David Bigelow & Mr Nathan Perry a Committee for said purpose

Voted that the several Grants made at this meeting be assessed upon the Poles & Estates of the Inhabitants of this town

Voted That this Meeting be dissolved & it was accordingly dissolved

A true Entry Attest William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

Worcester April 28th. 1783

We the Subscribers appointed by the Towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury to perambulate & renew the Bounds between said Towns have attended that service, beginning at a black Oak Tree near the head of the long Pond, so called, & renewed the bounds northerly between the aforesaid Towns, to a white Oak Tree at the northeasterly corner of Worcester

David Bigelow
Josiah Peirce
Jonathan Lovell
John Rice
Jotham How
} Committees for Said Towns

Entered from the original ℔ William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

According to the appointment of the Selectmen of Leicester, we have met with Saml Brown & Phinehas Jones of Worcester, & have perambulated the Line between Worcester & Leicester, and renewed the bounds according to the Requisition mentioned

Joseph Sargeant
Leicester 28th April 1783 William Earl

Entered from the Original ℔ William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

Worcester April 28th. 1783

We the Subscribers, according to appointment have met the Committee of Ward, & Perambulated the Line & renewed the Bounds between Worcester & Ward

Nathan Perry
Josiah Perry

Jonathan Phillips } Committee
Joseph Clark } for Ward

Entered from the Original ℔ William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally warned & assembled at the Meeting house in Said Town on Monday the 7th July 1783

Jos. Allen Esqr. chosen Moderator

Voted. That The Committee heretofore appointed to See the Pews built, be also a Committee to make sale of the same agreeable to a former vote of The Town, & to execute Sufficient Deeds in law to the purchasers thereof

Voted that there be a Committee chosen to confer with a Committee that is or may be chosen by the Town of Holden to adjust matters respecting the boundary lines between this Town & that of Holden—provided nevertheless that their doings be of no effect unless ratified by the Town

Then chose Timothy Paine Esqr. William Young Esqr. Col. Ebenezer Lovell Mr David Bigelow & Joseph Wheeler Esqr. a Committee for said purpose

Voted that as the lands in this town are already taken up & divided That the Select-men be a Committee to request Joshua Bigelow Esqr. prorr. Clerk, that he would deliver them the proprietors books of record, & when received by them that they be put into the Custody of the Clerk of this Town

Voted that there be a Committee appointed to procure some person or persons to preach in this town upon probation with a view of settleing such person or persons if he should be agreeable

to the Town as a Colleague with the Rev^{d}. Mr Maccarty – Then voted That Jos. Allen, Jos. Wheeler Esq^{rs} & Timothy Paine Esqr. be a Committee for said purpose

Voted that the Select-men be a Committee to provide a new cover for the Cushion in the pulpit

Voted That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted & assessed upon the Poles & Estates in this Town towards supplying the pulpit

Voted that there be a weekly subscription of money for supplying the pulpit, & that any person who shall put his name to the money he contributes shall have credit therefor, to be deducted out of their tax.

The Pews were sold in presence of the Town—The one adjoining The broad Isle on the womens side to Dr Dix for £43—The one adjoining The broad Isle on the other side to Mr Danl Waldo for £43—The one adjoining the first described pew to Nathan Patch for £37—The one adjoining the second described pew To M^{r}. Thomas for £46 - 10/—The Meeting was then desolved

Attest. J. Allen, Moderator

A true Entry from the Minutes

Attest. William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally assembled at the public Meeting [house] in Said Town August 25. A D. 1783

On the first article voted M^{r}. Nathan Perry Moderator

On the Second Article, Voted M^{r}. Nathan Patch a Committee to defend two suits brought against the Town, one in favour of M^{r}. Josiah Peirce,—The other in favour of M^{r}. John Peirce

3^{d}. Article—Voted, to choose a Committee to consist of three, in order to compleat the Fence Thro' the Farm called Heaths Farm Then chose Capt. Saml. Brooks M^{r}. Robert Smith & M^{r}. Joseph Barber a Committee for said purpose

Then Voted to desolve the Meeting—& it was accordingly dissolved Nathan Perry Moderator

A true Entry from the Minutes

Attest. William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

Worcester September 19th. 1783—Then personally appeared Danl. Goulding and made solemn oath to the faithful discharge of the Office of Collector within & for the Town of Worcester agreeable to his appointment Coram Jos. Wheeler J pacis

A true Entry Attest William. G. Maccarty Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester legally warned and assembled at the Public Meeting house in Said Town on monday November 3d. A, D, 1783

Jos. Allen Esqr. chosen Moderator

Daniel Goulding chosen Town Clerk[1]

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee Chose to examine the accounts of William Taylor late Collector of the Rates of Sundry Persons in the Lists amitted to him to Collect The Report is as follows Viz

The Committee appointed to examine into accounts of William Taylor late Collector of the Rates of Sundry Persons in the Lists amitted to him to Collect report their opinion that the Rates of the Following Persons be abated to him viz

	£	s	d
Benjr. Bennet For the year 1775	0	9	6
Ephraim Curtis	1	1	6
x Joseph Cunningham 1776	1	1	0
x Joseph Bates 1777	1	4	8
x Willm Curtis	2	10	11
Vernum Gleason a minor	1	4	8
John Waterman Prisoner of War	1	4	8
x Isaac Mulleean	1	5	6
x Saml. Ritchardson	1	4	8

[1] "— in the room of Mr. William. G. Maccarty said to be removed out of this Town."

	Saml. Hardcastle Poor 1778	7	0	3
x	Hooker	7	1	2
	Saml Randel Poor	4	1	5
	Saml Whitney not of age	15	0	0
	James Gates 1779 not of age	7	1	2
	Thads. Moore pd. Taxes in Leicester	7	1	2
x	C Hunt	13	19	0
	Jacob Nash	19	15	0
	1777 Rosanah Walker poor 2 12 8 1778 - - - - 2 10 0	5	3	4

N. B those marked x Mr. Taylor declares that he never see any of Sd. Persons after he had the Rates Committed to him also that he be allowed for the following Counterfeit Bills viz

1 Bill 50 Dollr.	£15	0	0
1 Ditto 30.	9	0	0
1 New Hampshire Bill	3	0	0
1 Sword in hand money		10	0

all which is Submitted

No^{r}. 3^{d}. 1783 Tim^{o} Paine ℔ order

Voted that the Sums allowed M^{r}. Taylor be consolidateted according to the Settlement Formerly made with him

Voted to allow the Following accounts Viz

To Nathan Perry for Boarding Katharine Curtis & pair of Shoes	£0	12	0
To Robert Gray for Boarding Lydia Collins 13 weeks	3	18	0
To Phineas Heywood for Plank & Slit work &c	1	2	4
To Micah Johnson for Plank	0	19	2
To the Widow Sarah Jones for Wine dd for Reuben Hoit	0	12	0
To the Widow Sarah Jones for Keeping poor persons in the year 1775 Sent by the Select men	0	16	8
To Capt. Saml. Brooks for Sundrys dd Simon Glasco	2	14	1
Granted £10 For Contingent Charges	10	0	0
	£20	14	3
Voted to abate James Gates s Rates in 2 Rates dd to Nathan Patch to Collect made Jany. 24th 1783 being the Sum of	£2	2	0¾

Voted to allow M^{r}. Nathan Patch five p^{r}. Cent which the Town is intitled to, by virtue of an Execution against him from the Treasury office of this Commonwealth

Voted that the Selectmen be desired to make inquirey to know whether the Town of Worcester is obliged to support Simon Glasco or not

Granted the Sum of Fifteen pounds for the Purpose of making or Compleating a Fence through Heaths Farm So Called £15 0 0

Voted that the Several Sums allowed & Granted at this meeting be assessed upon the Poles & Estates in this Town

Then Voted that this meeting be Dissolved & it was accordingly Dissolved

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Clerk

We the Subscribers in Obedience to a Notification to us directed by the Selectmen of Worcester for Perambulating the Line betwen The Towns of Worcester and Holden have mett with Such as were appointed by the Selectmen of Holden for the Same purpose at the Southwesterly corner of David Moors Land and proceded till we came to Shrewsbury Line being the Northeasterly corner of Worcester—the antient Bounds were mutually concented to and Renewed Excepting one White Oak Tree near Daniel Harris.' Orchard which being Claimed by us and not concented to by the Committee from Holden was the Reason why we have not mutually Exchanged Writtings as usual

Worcester may 2d. 1783 Joseph Wheeler, Saml. Miller } Committee

a True Entry attest Daniel Goulding Town Cler

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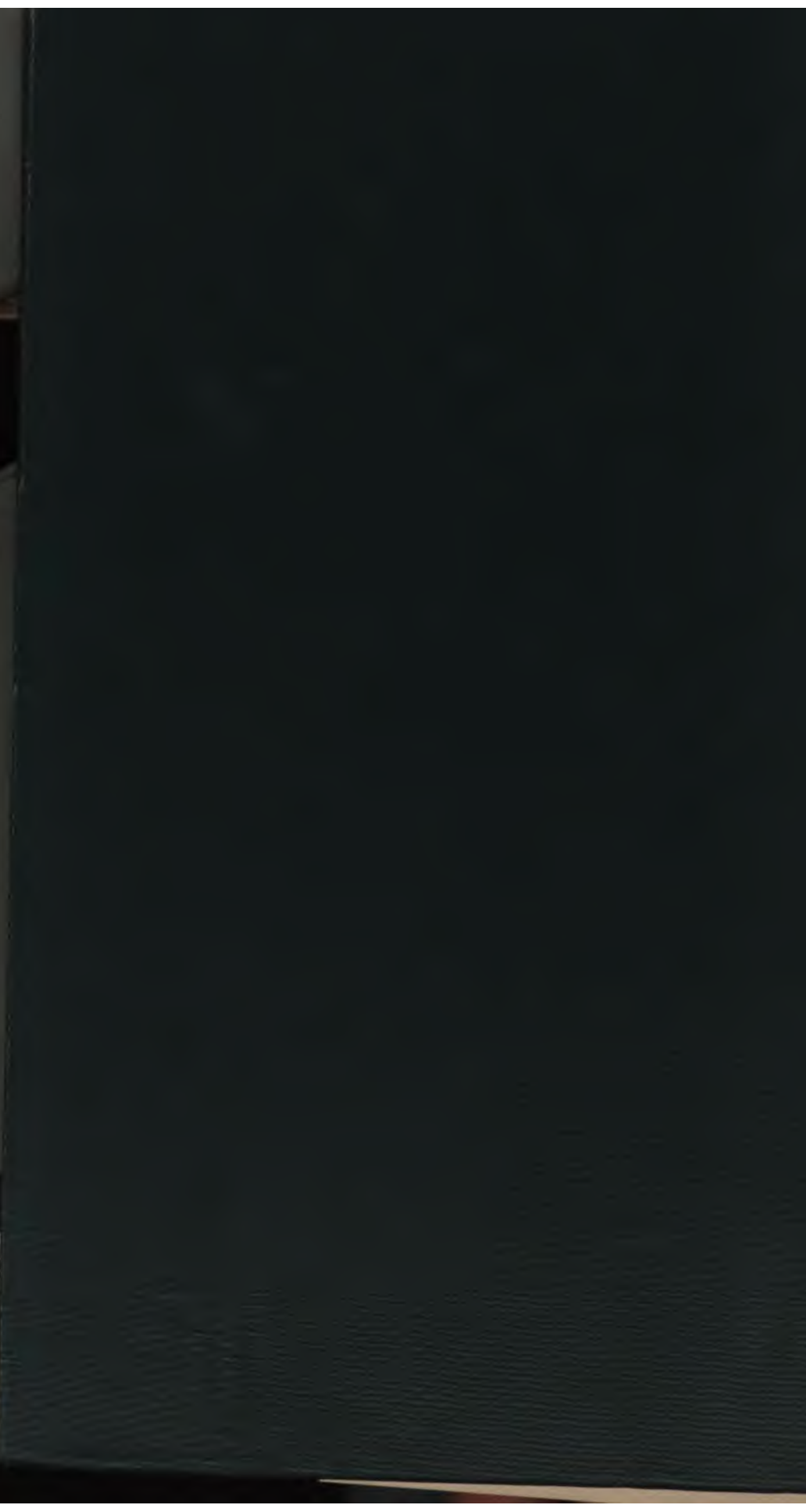
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